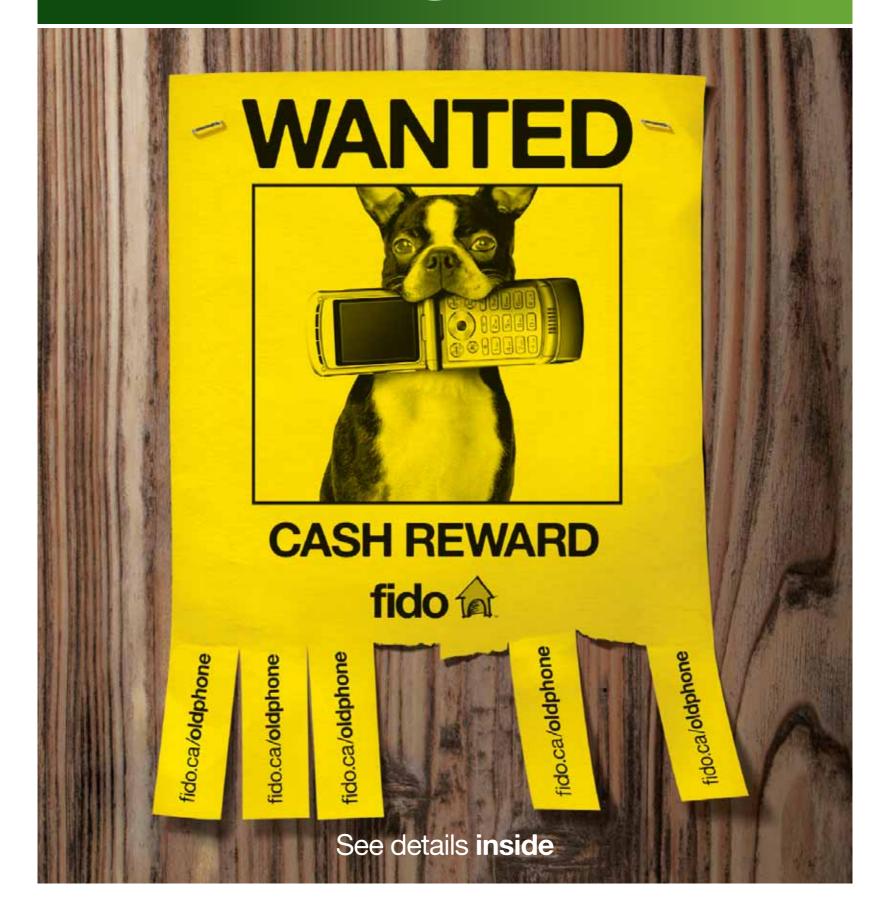


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### Showing off their creation

Grade 7 and 8 students from nine schools around the city came together Wednesday at city hall to show off their inventions. The Investigate! Invent! Innovate! Program, put on by the Learning Partnership, encourages students to foster their entrepreneurial spirit.

### Calgary gangs head for Banff

▶ FOB Killers, Independent Soldiers, UN gang, Hells Angels, Crazy Dragons are raising concerns, according to the RCMP



Banff RCMP are paying careful attention to an ever-growing presence of Calgary-based gang members attending local licensed establishments.

Weapons like knives and brass knuckles have been seized on multiple occasions and identified gang members are being removed from venues almost every weekend, said RCMP Staff Sgt. Wayne Wiebe.

"I would surmise that there has been an increase in the number of gang members coming here because of the increased pressure they are putting on them in Calgary, but also part of it is that we recognize them now," he said.

Wiebe said RCMP have attended some minor altercations

### **Gang presence**

- Detachments Numerous other RCMP detachments near Calgary were contacted Wednesday; however, none reported an increased gang presence.
- Removed Weapons have been seized and gang members have been routinely removed from establishments.

involving gang members, but added the real worry is a clash between two rival groups.

"It stands to reason that it's going to happen sooner or later," he said

When asked if his detachment was capable of handling a gangfuelled conflict, Wiebe responded, "More is always better. We could always call in from Canmore and Lake Louise for back-

The Calgary Police Service is also pitching in by providing information on individuals believed to be involved in gang activity, said Staff Sgt. Greg Cooper. He agreed that a police clampdown on gang activity in Calgary is likely forcing members to outlying areas.

"I think it's an indication that our strategies that we have employed here are meeting our expectations," he said.

Banff's town council was briefed on the growing gang presence last week. Coun. Brian Standish, who was born and raised in the town, said he's not worried about the situation.

"They (RCMP) are on top of it," he said. "They're working with the bars and clubs. Banff is a very safe place to live and visit."



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### **HIV** case sets off testing blitz

More than 200 Albertans are being informed they need to undergo testing for HIV and Hepatitis C after a medical professional working in several Edmonton operating rooms tested positive for both.

Alberta Health Services says 226 patients will be tested.

Officials say the risk is very low that any have contracted HIV or Hepatitis C.

Dr. Gerry Predy, senior medical officer of health, says there was no breach of infection control practices.

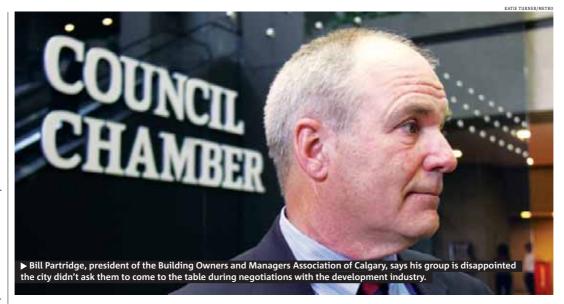
He says the notification is being done as a precaution and "in the interest of being transparent."

CTV News says the health-care worker was in several Edmonton operating rooms between July 2006 and March of 2009, including some brain surger-

An Alberta Health Services official says the worker was unaware they had contracted either disease and is no longer working for AHS.

The health official could not confirm if that person is working in any other capacity of the health-care system. THE CANADIAN PRESS





# City approves 100% levy hike

City of Calgary and Urban Development Institute have been talking for 9 months • A list of seven levies, fees and charges will be imposed



Developers will now pay more for infrastructure in new communities — a cost that will likely be passed on the homebuyers.

After months of negotiations and hours of council debate, an agreement was reached between the City of Calgary and the development industry.

"There's no question that the current fee level is too low," said Mayor Naheed Nenshi. "As I've been saying for many, many, many months, every time we put up a new home at the outskirts of the city, that new home costs us somewhere between \$10.000 to \$15.000."

Nenshi said developers were previously shouldering roughly 25 per cent of the cost of a new development and will now cover about 50 per cent.

"Does it need to be closer to 100 per cent? Probably. The question is how quickly do we get there."

Michael Flynn, executive director of the Calgary chapter of the Urban Development Institute, said he's pleased council members didn't alter the proposal that took the two sides months to finalize.

"Are we happy with the doubling of the levies? Of course not," he said. "I don't think either side is completely happy, which is usually the sign of a fair and equitable agreement."

#### **Merchants react**

- The Chamber of Commerce cautioned that increased fees could make Calgary less competitive.
- "In order to attract new business and talent, we have to have a competitive environment," said Ben Brunnen, director of policy for the chamber.
- The proposal suggests hiking the rate by four or five per cent per home, according to a chamber release.





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# Teacher layoffs may be curbed

Retirement, staff relocation could cover reduction of more than 200 positions: CBE
 ▶ Resource allocation now in hands of principals

Hundreds of positions within the Calgary Board of Education are slated to be cut, but whether any teachers will be handed their walking papers is yet to be determined.

That revelation came Wednesday during a media briefing held by the CBE as it continues to explore methods to combat a nearly \$62-million shortfall for the upcoming school year.

Chief superintendent Naomi Johnson pointed out that actual layoffs were avoided last year as the CBE reduced its staffing numbers by nearly 200.

"We hung on to all of our people, but we did not replace those positions," she said. "So, that's what we are going to try to do again."

Jenny Regal, executive director with Calgary Public Teachers, acknowledged some of the newer teachers in the local system are confused about the difference between staffing reductions and actual layoffs.

"It's been many years since it's been like this, so we know as an association we have some education pieces needed to help them understand what's going on," she added.

Kathy Telfer, spokesperson for Alberta Education,



### Details

- The CBE is currently estimating 100 teachers will retire and another 100 will relocate.
- Teachers contemplating retirement have until May 30

said the province was unaware that CBE layoffs may be avoided.

"Sometimes when you get into these situations, you are the most innovative

to make their decision.

Resource-allocation funds were officially handed over Wednesday to Calgary principals, who will now determine staffing levels for the coming year.

and most creative when ensuring the money is put in the right place," she said.

Telfer acknowledged Education Minister Dave Hancock has expressed concern with some of the CBE's comments in regards to provincial funding, but would not weigh in on whether criticism of her organization was warranted.

The CBE is also exploring opportunities for some of its teachers to work overseas and is determining how many staff will be away on maternity leave, Johnson said. Staffing levels for the 2011-12 school year will not be finalized until Sept. 30. © JEREMY NOLAIS

### MLA to protest against airport tunnel delays

Provincial representative Darshan Kang is taking a stand against the Calgary Airport Authority in hopes of fast-tracking an agreement with the city on the airport tunnel.

Kang will be protesting at the Calgary Airport Authority's annual general meeting being held Thursday at 11 a.m.

"It's very important that we have some kind of agreement in place before the time runs out," said Kang, MLA for Calgary-Mc-Call

He has been vocal in en-



couraging his colleagues at the legislative assembly to contribute financially to the construction of the tunnel

The AGM will be held at the Aerospace Museum of Calgary at 4629 McCall Way NE. • KATIE TURNER

EDUCATION

### Trustees can discuss budget: CBE

Calgary Board of Education representatives said Wednesday the organization is in no way telling board trustees they cannot participate in budgetary discussions.

This came following a meeting Tuesday night in which trustees Carol Bazinet and Sheila Taylor removed themselves from a vote on resource allocation, citing conflicts of interest.

Taylor said she had consulted with a CBE legal representative and after the board was unable to provide her with information regarding her concern, she pulled out of the discussion.

CBE chief superintendent Naomi Johnson said participation is the trustee's choice.

"It's legislation, they have to make an individual declaration and decision," she said.

JEREMY NOLAIS

### Pot seized

Chestermere RCMP, with assistance of Calgary police, searched a Chestermere home Tuesday and found a small but sophisticated marijuana grow-op and seized \$25,000 worth of marijuana, according to a release.

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### Trail to open

Northbound Crowchild Trail is expected to reopen for normal operations before the morning rush hour on Thursday, according to a release. An April 17 a water-main break had forced the closure of two lanes.

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### **Block Parents a** thing of the past?

Screening procedures a likely factor in participant decline Time demand very minimal: Local volunteer



Once a common sight. Block Parents in Calgary communities are few and far between nowadays, says Alberta's program administrator.

In fact, Lynn Squamce says the number of participants in Calgary's program has fallen off 80 per cent in recent years since introduction stricter screening procedures, which include regularly scheduled interviews and reference

"Some of the older Block Parents decided

1,000 Despite a steep drop off in participants, Calgary still has the largest **Block Parent** contingent in Alberta with roughly 1,000 volunteers.

they didn't want to do it anymore and this was a good excuse to get out," she said, adding participadecline provincewide issue.

Valley Ridge resident Monica Webster has served as a Block Parent since 2006.

Although no one has ever approached her residence seeking help, she believes the program still serves as an important role in the community.

"As a kid growing up, I remember it was just the reassurance of knowing were there," she

Squamce said she finds people these days are lulled into a false sense of security with the improvement of communications technology.

"What's the first thing a bully goes for? The cell-phone," she said. "I think that the Block Parent is just as important now, really, as it ever was.

For more information or to get involved, visit albertablockparent.ca.

### **Group calls for stronger** rules on cell antennas

members Community waited in council chambers Wednesday to have their say on the city's protocols for the placement of cellular antennas.

Founder of Celltower.ca, Wayne Frisch said he believes the city needs to increase the notification process so Calgarians know when a cellular an-

#### **Group's requests**

Celltower.ca would like to see the city enforce the following:

- Notifications are sent via registered mail.
- A building permit be displayed at the site be-A building permit be fore construction.
- Accurate elevation drawings replace artists'



tenna has been proposed in their communities.

"It's been a long time coming. We've been waiting for this policy review to come back," said Frisch.

The city currently has a public consultation process in place, which requires the wireless service provider to hold a community meeting but Frisch

said it's not enough.

"We would like to see better design, better technology being used and Canada is lagging behind on that technology.'

Council voted to table the report until the next Land Use, Planning and Transportation committee meeting.

### **Province** gives \$9.7M Seed to cool to broadband up a whole program

The Alberta government announced Wednesday it will provide \$9.7 million to leverage the federal government's Broadband Canada: Connecting Rural Canadians program which aims to bring broadband Internet access to approximately 41,000 rural Alberta households currently without service or in underserved areas. @ METRO

### The Mustard | Property Seed to cook lot of turkey

The Mustard Seed will be celebrating Easter in a big way this coming weekend cooking up approximately 300 pounds of turkey and 60 pounds of potatoes - to feed hundreds of Calgarians struggling to overcome poverty, according to a release.

### owner hit with charges

**Environmental charges** were laid by Alberta Environment against a Red-Deer-area property owner Wednesday, according to a release.

Dale Mather has been charged under Alberta's Water Act for allegedly removing aquatic vegetation from the shores of Gull Lake without proper authorization.

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# Farmers' Market finally has its day after months of delay

- Venue opens Thursday at 11 a.m.
- Features 100 vendors, artisans



Ovens are fired up, the fruit is ripe and hundreds of vegetables have been harvested — the Calgary Farmers' Market is open for business.

After moving from its previous location in the Currie Barracks, the market's new venue off Blackfoot Trail was slated to open in early February; however, construction struggles and weather woes delayed plans and drove costs up.

But according to general manager Ken Aylesworth, some things are better late than never.

"We have been a little longer in getting where we wanted, but that's all be-

### **Farmer's Market**

- The Calgary Farmers' Market is now located at 510—77th Ave. SE.
- It features a 600-squarefoot barnyard-themed play area for kids and a food court that can accommodate more than 200 visitors.
- ➤ The market will be open year-round on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

hind us now," he said during a sneak peek of the new venue Wednesday. "(Today's) a very important day for the City of Calgary ... for agriculture in Alberta. We just can't say thank you enough."



### Police seek armed suspects in gas station stickup

Two men are being sought in connection with the armed robbery of a Glamorgan gas station, according to police. The April 16th incident occurred at a Shell station located at 3805 Richmond Rd. SW.

Two men wearing black balaclavas entered the gas station one of which threatened the cashier with a rifle and told him to lie on the ground.

The second man, carrying a large plastic container,



then filled it with cash from the till, lottery tickets and cigarette packages police said.

Both suspects are described as Caucasian males, 20 to 25 years old, approximately five feet, eight inches tall. One was described as having a slim build while the other was medium to heavy build. Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or Calgary Police at 403-266-1234. • METRO



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### Election profile: Calgary Centre-North

#### MICHELLE REMPLE CONSERVATIVE



1) 31 years old. Director of the U of C institutional program divi-

sion. 2) I have managed campaigns at all three levels of government and I am the co-chair of the conservative membership-based policy committee. 3) What I am hearing door

to door is the stability of our economy and the stability of our government.

4) We are running a full campaign using traditional means — I've been out since January going doorto-door and we have been calling people as well. We are also using text messag-

#### HEATHER MACINTOSH GREEN PARTY



1) Heather MacIntosh, 43, program director for Demo-

cratic Development & Human Rights, Sheldon Chumir Foundation for Ethics in Leadership. 2) Non-partisan follower of democratic trends, international election monitoring, but no prior party experience. I volunteered on the Nenshi mayoral campaign. First time running.

3) The future. 4) Working with Youth Vote Coordinator, attending all debates, going to pro-vote, non/multi-partisan events (Drumming for Democracy, U of C Vote Mob), meetups in the community, encouraging voting while doorknocking.

#### STEPHEN JAMES RANDALL LIBERAL



1) I was born in 1944; I held my first academic appointment at

the University of Toronto (1971-74), then McGill in Montreal (1974-89) where I was served two terms as a department head and long term member of the McGill Senate). I came to Calgary in 1989 for the Imperial Oil Chair in American Studies, and served as dean of the faculty of social sciences (1994-2006), which along with science, were the largest faculties at the U of C. I was the founding director of the Institute for United States Policy Research in the School of Public Policy and am currently director of the Latin American Research Centre. I also established the Institute for Advanced Policy Research which was the precursor of the School of Public Policy. I was also the founding president of the Rocky Mountain Civil Liberties Association. 2) I have been involved as a campaign worker in elections since the early 1960s but not previously as a candidate primarily because I believed my commitment to my profession and to my students had to come first. 3) The most important

issues to my constituents

care, sustainable jobs, the

strength of the economy,

seniors' concerns, youth

centage, mostly seniors,

have expressed concern

with crime.

and education. A small per-

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all candidates in the coun-

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debates, town halls, knock-

ing on doors, doing media

interviews, replying to tele-

phone and email enquiries,

visiting seniors' residents,

homes when a resident in-

and going to individual

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#### PAUL VARGIS NDP



1) Paul Vargis, 43, City of Calgary Roads Department 2)Heavily

involved in the environmental movement over the years, campaigning to ensure workplace rights and providing quali-ty social programs to all who need them. 3) Trust and the economy together, if we can't trust our leaders to tell the truth, why should we trust them to run our economy? Billions to multinationals while people losing their jobs here at home is not a sustainable economic model for all Canadians. 4) Talking about ideas, sounds bite politics is no good, we need to discuss things in a real fashion, have real dialogue. I've been out everyday discussing things with people, not just asking for their vote, but finding out what really matters to

#### PEGGY ASKIN MARXIST LENINIST PARTY OF CANADA



1) Peggy Askin, 65 years old anď I am a retired telecommunications

worker. 2) I have been a candidate

them.

for the Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada. 3) That the needs of the majority not a rich minority be upheld by government. The right to health care, housing, education, retirement security

in several federal elections

and all social needs be fully funded and guaranteed. 4) Discussing how we can create a renewed political process that allows people to exercise control over their lives. We have a cartel party system that deprives people of their ability to decide things.

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### **Ideas** wanted for public artwork at zoo

Local artists are being asked to submit ideas for a piece of public art that will be located at the north entrance of the Calgary Zoo, according to a release.

The proposed site for the artwork is on the

north side of Memorial Drive at the recently renovated main entrance.

A budget of \$255,000 has been allocated to the project, which is part of the City of Calgary's Public Art Pro-

The deadline for submissions is May 27 and details about the project and how to submit ideas are available at the Calgary Zoo's website. calgaryzoo.com. • metro



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### Thousands of children working illegally: Study

A new study suggests thousands of children in Alberta are working ille-

The Athabasca University study estimates 8,200 kids from the ages of nine to 11 are doing prohibited work, including doing janitorial jobs.

The report says about 26,000 children from the ages of 12 to 14 are on the job illegally.

The Alberta Federation of Labour is calling on the provincial government to crack down on employment standards violations that involve young peo-

AFL president Gil Mc-Gowan says the province should not allow children as young as 12 to work in restaurants and should do more random inspections of work sites.

Earlier this year, Employment Minister Thomas Lukaszuk announced his department will step up inspections of job sites that employ young workers.

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### Calgary East Q and A

### • Metro catches up with the federal contenders for this local riding

1) What is your full name, age and current oc-

2) What is your past po-

litical experience?

3) What do you think is the biggest issue in your constituency?

4) What are you doing

to get more people engaged in the election process?

Note: Deepak Obhrai of

the Conservative party was unavailable due to a family emergency and did not respond to our ques-



Scott Milton, 37 **Green party** Occupation: Stay-athome dad of four, former private investigator. **Political experience:** Joined Green party in

Biggest issue: "The biggest issue I see in our

riding is overall quality of

life, from lower taxes to ... infrastructure to affordable housing to building a quality transit system and a much better start for children ... It's all about social programs and people first."

Engaging people: "I'm really engaging in the way I speak about the election, and it should be fun to bring your children and neighbours out with you. Ask them to come out in a day of change for Canada, a clean start, a green start. Calgary East residents have been welcoming."



Al David Brown, 59 **NDP** 

Occupation: Labour relations officer for the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology's academic faculty association.

**Political experience:** Was the NDP candidate in the Ralph Klein byelection in Calgary Elbow; also ran in the last provincial election

Biggest issue: "The one I hear and see the most is: What has the Conservative government done for me lately? And where is my MP?" Engaging people: "I've found a lot of interest in

forums and engaging people on issues of the election, like what brought us here? With four viable parties in Canada. we are probably looking at a minority government ... It's important people get out and



Josipa Petrunic Liberal party **Occupation:** University research fellow in the history and philosophy of math and science.

**Political experience:** Worked for multiple campaigns as a student for MPs in Ottawa. Toronto

and London, U.K. Biggest issue: "There are three major issues: Immigration and citizenship services, seniors' issues, and transit and airport tunnel.

Engaging people: "I have gone to high schools to get young volunteers. I have run thematic debates to attract issue-oriented volunteers. I have helped to register new citizens by bringing multilingual information to doorsteps. I have door-knocked on as many doors as possible.



Jason Devine, 30 **Communist party** Occupation: Graduate student at the University of Calgary, working on a masters thesis exploring Western Canadian labour history.

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#### **Political experience:**

Ran in the last four federal elections; is a full-time activist in anti-racism and anti-war is-

Biggest issue: "I think there is a host of issues, but I would say affordable housing."

Engaging people: "(I) speak with as many people as possible ... and hand out leaflets. I believe in getting people active not just at election time but year-round.

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### Charges laid in alleged drug scheme

Two brothers have been charged in an alleged double-doctoring scheme involving the drug Oxycontin.

Police believe Calgary resident Michel Ferris Habib, 49, and his brother Sammy Sandy Habib were filling prescriptions for the drug in both Alberta and B.C. — a process known as double-doctoring and had obtained roughly 67,660 pills.

"There was such mas-

sive amounts of Oxycontin that one patient couldn't possibly consume, so hence the possession (charge)," Staff Sgt. Joel Matthews said.

"There's a demand for it."

\$3.4M Police say the total street value of the seized Oxycontin was \$3.4 million

Police believe 85 prescriptions were obtained between February 2009 and July 2010 from dozens of doctors.

Matthews said in his 14-year career he has never seen charges laid in relation to double-doctoring. "It's quite rare," he

Both brothers face numerous charges, including failing to disclose a previous prescription and fraud under \$5,000.

JEREMY NOLAIS

### Drop-in centre marks 50th birthday

Original Calgary Welcome and Friendship Centre was established on April 20, 1961



Surrounded by staff and clients at the Drop-In and Rehab Centre's 50th anniversary, Carol Lambert couldn't hold back the tears.

Lambert was one of 1,000 clients who celebrated the milestone with a BBQ lunch outside the centre Wednesday.

"If it wasn't for the Drop-In, I would have still been in the streets," said Lambert, who came to the centre in 2009 as a drug addict, alcoholic and prostitute. "They helped me a lot."

Lambert said she now has a positive outlook on life and is in the process of seeking affordable housing.

"The people here are awesome and they'll help you out as much as they can," she said. "They made me really think about my life in a positive way."

Spokesperson for the Drop-In, Louise Gallagher, said the centre has evolved over the years but the focus on people in need has remained consistent.

"It started as a coffee place," she said. "From cof-

1,250 The numdividuals the Drop-In has the capacity to shelter at night. They also own the Sundial building — 119-unit apartment building.

fee it went to serving soup and sandwiches ... and then it shifted in the 1980s to sleep only."

to sleep only."

The facility moved throughout the East Village over the years but settled on the current location in the early 1980s. The new facility was opened on Sept. 11, 2001 — the same day the attack on the World Trade Center occurred.

"The very first people to sleep at the DI were passengers that Air Canada had to find a place for," said Gallagher.

Moving in to the next 50 years, Gallagher said the goal is to continue to prevent homelessness wherever possible and help people to move beyond homelessness.

"We see that progressive movement as integral to what we do and we look at continuing to provide Calgarians in need of support and help over the next 50 years."



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### **Group waits** on Sheen

Embattled actor promises bipolar society he will match donations raised from a recent charity walk

Charlie Sheen will deliver on a promise to donate to the Calgary-based Organization for Bipolar Affective Disorders, his business manager said Wednesday after the group expressed frustration that they hadn't heard from the actor.

"I'm his business manager, so it's Charlie's account, I'll draft a cheque, he'll sign it, I'll see him tomorrow in "I'm definitely frustrated ... At least he could've got his people together to give me a call, to give me sort of an accounting of it, and we have no control. We were just dropped into this without any consultation."

KAJ KORVELA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR BIPOLAR AFFECTIVE DISORDERS SOCIETY

Atlanta and the cheque will be made and sent Federal Express, and (the organization) will have it by Friday," Barry Klarberg said Wednesday afternoon.

Klarberg's comments came after OBAD said it was "frustrated" that it hadn't heard from Sheen since the actor spontaneously organized a charity march in support of the group last Friday in Toronto.

The TV star, who was in the city on his Violent Torpedo of Truth tour, had vowed to match donations raised for OBAD at the walk and through the Canada-

helps.org website.

But on Wednesday
morning, OBAD executive
director Kaj Korvela said despite repeated calls to Sheen's representatives about the matter, he hadn't heard from them.

Klarberg said he contacted Korvela on Wednesday afternoon to work out the details on how much Sheen's donation would be. Klarberg said he was

well as Sheen's tour representatives, before sending off the donation. "I'm going to get the dol-

awaiting donation figures from Canadahelps.org, as

lar amount, we'll meet the amount that was on the (Canadahelps.org) network, dollar for dollar, we'll make that contribution," Klarberg, adding that Sheen would also give the group money from memorabilia he sold during the walk.

Wednesday evening, Korvela said that he and Klarberg agreed via email that Sheen would donate \$5,600 to OBAD.

Sheen may also organize another charity event for OBAD when he takes his tour to Vancouver on May 2, said Klarberg.

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### **Man with** handgun threatens **Superstore** customer

Calgary police arrested a 29-year-old male at a northeast supermarket after police received a complaint a victim was threatened with a handgun Wednesday afternoon.

Police were called to the Superstore in the 3600 block of Westwinds Drive NE around 5 p.m. and arrested the suspect after locating him in the pharmacy of the store, police said.

The suspect was in possession of a realistic-looking pellet pistol, police

Police are still investigating the motivation behind the alleged threats.

**Calgary** Zoo names

giraffe

While more than 3,200

the Calgary Zoo's online

contest to name the

newest member to the

giraffe family, the Brade

family won with their sub-

mission of Jengo, accord-

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**Jengo** 

### A head **Earth Day**

officially be until Friday, but the City and Green Calgary began festivities early with their Seven Steps for Earth Day Event held Wednesday evening, according to reports. Seven interactive stations were created to help demystify

### start on

ing to a release.

Global Earth Day may not green living.





## Gadhafi forces intensify attack on Misrata

• Despite international criticism for its assault on the city, Libyan government continues • France vows to step up air strikes



Inside the besieged city of Misrata, spent rockets protrude from the pavement and fighters at roadblocks sit inside empty shipping containers outfitted with generator-powered and watch Al-Jazeera reports of their war with Moammar Gadhafi.

"The number of artillery shells and mortars is truly amazing," said Abdul-Athim Salim, a geography professor at the local university. "The only break is when they are changing ammunition.'

Gadhafi's forces have in-

tensified their assault on Libya's third-largest city, firing tank shells and rockets into residential areas. according to witnesses and human rights groups. NA-TO commanders have admitted their airpower is limited in being able to protect civilians in a city — the core mission of the international air campaign. France vowed to step up air strikes.

Most of the Gadhafi

troops are centred to the south and west of the city of 300,000, and many of the residents who had

lived in those areas fled to the northern part of the city. There were four areas of intense fighting in the city on Wednesday, and everyone seemed to know where the battle lines are.

Gadhafi's government has come under international criticism for its assault on Misrata and been accused by human rights groups of using heavy weapons, including missiles and cluster bombs which have been banned by many countries.

Libyan officials have persistently denied the

army is shelling Misrata or using cluster bombs. "We welcome any objective investigation of the actions of our army, our government and our officials," government said spokesman Moussa Ibrahim, adding the international community

"fabricated by the rebels." Human rights activists have said more than 260 people have been killed in Misrata, with the final toll likely higher, and many more people wounded.

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shouldn't listen to reports

The acting foreign min-

# Photographer killed in Libya, 3 wounded

An Oscar-nominated war photographer and film director was killed Wednesday in Misrata while covering battles between rebels and Libyan government forces. Three other Western photographers were wounded.

British-born Tim Hetherington, co-director of the documentary Restrepo about U.S. soldiers on an outpost in Afghanistan, was killed inside the only rebel-held city in western Libya, said his publicist, Johanna Ramos Boyer.

Chris Hondros, a New York-based photographer for Getty Images, was seri-



ously injured and was on a respirator at Hikma Hospital. Doctors told The Associated Press that his condition was critical.

The two other photographers — Guy Martin and Michael Christopher Brown — were treated for shrapnel wounds, doctors said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DEMONSTRATIONS

### **Thousands** protest in Syria

Thousands of students held demonstrations Wednesday against Syria's regime, brushing off President Bashar Assad's sweeping declarations of reform as the country's growing protest movement vowed to stage the biggest rallies to date on Friday.

The monthlong uprising in Syria has posed the biggest challenge to the 40-year ruling dynasty of President Bashar Assad and his father before him. On Tuesday, Syria did away with 50 years of emergency rule

— but emboldened and defiant crowds accused Assad of simply trying to buy time.

On Wednesday, 4,000 university students from Daraa and surrounding areas protested near the city's al-Omari Mosque. Activists also said dozens of students protested Wednesday in the country's north.

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### Gunmen open fire on Yemeni protesters

Gunmen on motorcycles sped by and opened fire on hundreds of demonstrators camped out in the early hours of the morning Wednesday in a Yemeni port city, killing one and wounding several protesters, an opposition activist

Radwan al-Obisi said the protesters in the Red Sea port city of Hodeida were demanding the ouster of longtime President Ali Abdullah Saleh when they were attacked by thugs hired by the ruling party.

The two months of antigovernment turmoil in this impoverished nation is threatening to spiral out of control as nearly daily protests across the country are being violently suppressed by security forces.

More than 120 people have been killed since demonstrations, inspired by uprisings elsewhere in the Arab world, erupted in Yemen calling for the end of Saleh's more than three decades in power.

Like much of the country Tuesday, Hodeida saw thousands march through the streets, tearing down posters of Saleh, before they were dispersed by police. A number of cities also now feature protesters camping out in main squares. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### **Europe moves closer to entering Libyan conflict**

Europe has moved closer to doing what it said it wouldn't do in Libva jump into the bid to overthrow Moammar Gadhafi.

France said Wednesday it has sent military officers

to work with Libyan rebels on the ground, in addition to stepping up airstrikes. Italy and Britain have said they're also sending military officers.

European officials por-

tray their assistance as an effort to fill the military gap with Gadhafi's forces and turn the tide without overstepping rules of the UN-sanctioned military operation to protect civil-

ister of the National Transitional Council said the rebel movement's political wing wants more.

### Iggy winning more hearts

Liberal leader tied with PM in popularity stakes

#### **Nuts and bolts**

- The trend: The survey suggests Michael Ignatieff has seen his popularity spike recently while Stephen Harper's has fallen.
- The figures: Ignatieff was viewed favourably by 42 per cent of respondents and negatively by 50 per cent. Harper was viewed favourably by 43 per cent and unfavourably by 52 per cent.
- The statistics: The poll of 1,000 Canadians, conducted between April 14 and April 17, is considered accurate to within 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.



poll new suggests Michael Ignatieff has made significant gains in personal popularity and is now tied with Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey suggests the Liberal leader has regained the ratings he held in 2009.

However, Jack Layton, leader of the popularity contest, was viewed favourably by 68 per cent of respondents - and unfavourably by 26 per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS



### Strategic-vote fans have a strategy — social media

The strategic-vote advocates are at it again.

They're armed with social media and intriguing, interactive websites.

As is often the custom mid-way through election campaigns, some who cringe at the thought of the incumbent party winning are trying to pool votes to sway the results.

It has never worked on a large scale in Canada and

its detractors warn that strategic voting could actually do more harm than good.

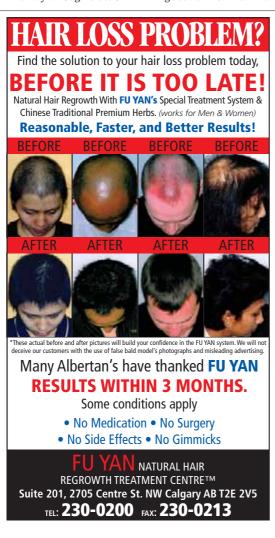
Nonetheless, the advocates say strategic voting can indeed work in some elections and their anti-Conservative campaigns are gaining momentum.

Project Democracy says it has registered 900,000 page views since it launched its website a

week ago.

Gary Shaul's group, Catch 22, has raised \$15,000 and is about to launch a low-key advertising and flyer campaign. THE CANADIAN PRESS







### PM issues warning

Stephen Harper talks about dangers of 'reckless' coalition if he doesn't win majority government

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is seizing on comments from Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff on Tuesday about how the parliamentary system works.

Ignatieff explained that if the Conservatives returned with a minority and were unable to win the confidence of Parliament, it would then be up to the Governor General to decide what to do.

He added that if the Governor General asked him to government, would be willing to try.

Harper says Ignatieff's co-operation with the NDP and the Bloc Québécois would mean higher taxes, reckless spending and a new constitutional crisis.

He says the only alternative is a stable Conservative majority government.

Ignatieff has ruled out a

formal coalition with the NDP or Bloc Quebecois. But he pointed out that, under the Constitution, any party leader can seek to obtain the confidence of the House of Commons and form a government.

The Tories have leaped on such remarks as proof he intends to take power even if he loses the election. Harper is also dismissing reports accusing his

**Higher.** Find

communications director, Dimitri Soudas, of trying to influence the Port of Montreal's choice of a new chairman in 2007.

Harper says it's standard procedure for a government to make its preferences known in such cases, but also notes the port board opted to go in a different direction. The job went instead to Patrice Pelletier. The Canadian press

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### Saintly statue located

a metal recycling plant.

Quebec provincial police say a six-foot tall, 1,000pound statue stolen earlier this week was found between Montreal and Quebec City. Bandits made off with the 85-year-old monument sometime Tuesday, authorities say.

A bronze statue of St. Louis-Marie Grignion de Mont fort — a French saint who founded the religious commu nity of Nicolet, Que. — was stolen and later recovered at



### Oil spill anniversary marked

In a statement, U.S. President Barack Obama pays tribute to those killed Says significant progress made, but more work needs to be done

Relatives of some of the 11 men who died aboard the Deepwater Horizon oil rig flew over the Gulf of Mexico Wednesday, back to the epicentre of the worst offshore oil spill in the nation's history.

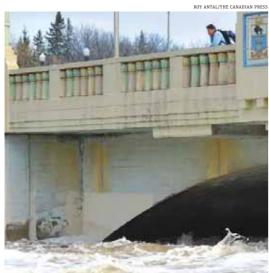
Vigils were scheduled in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

On April 20, 2010, the

Deepwater Horizon, a rig owned by Transocean Ltd., burst into flames after drilling a well for BP PLC. Two days later the rig toppled into the Gulf and

sank to the sea floor. Over the next 85 days, 206 million gallons of oil — 19 times more than the Exxon Valdez, spilled from the well. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





### **Saskatchewan** floodwaters yet to peak: Authorities

The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority is warning that floodwaters have yet to peak in eastern parts of the province.

John Fahlman, the authority's director of basin operations and groundwater management, says levels at Round Lake, Echo Lake and Katepwa, east of Regina, will rise yet again.

He says the water levels at Crooked Lake are starting to come down a bit now.

As for Regina, the peak of water coming from Wascana Creek shouldn't be any higher than it has already been.

Duane Mckay, director of emergency response with the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, says a state of emergency was issued today for the Ochapowace First Nation, in the south-

east, where some preliminary work is being done to prevent flooding to homes.

There are still 13 communities in the province under a local state of emergency.

McKay says the province is still buying sandbags to ensure they don't run out. The province is moving supplies to the areas around Humboldt, Wynyard, Porcupine Plain, Kelvington and Lake Lenore where the snowpack is starting to

McKay notes the ministry is also keeping an eve on the flooding situation in the southwest. around Val Marie and communities along the Frenchman River, where the snowpack still has yet to melt.

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### **Texas** ablaze

### Firefighters optimistic with a 20 to 30 per cent chance of rain this week

Firefighters in Texas were battling several massive blazes across the state Wednesday, adding up to more than 400,000 hectares of land burned in a little more than a week in the drought-stricken state.

The fire started Friday in the Possum Kingdom Lake area, a community of mostly weekend homes about 115 kilometres west of Fort Worth. It spread into two other counties and was still raging well into Tuesday

That's when authorities ordered the 400 residents of Palo Pinto, about 80 kilometres west of Fort Worth, to leave because of the advancing flames, said Trooper Gary Rozzell of the Texas Department of Public Safety. The county's jail inmates also evacuated, as did the nearby community of Graford and the small town of Strawn, south of the lake.

Weary firefighters had some reason for hope as rain and higher humidity levels were forecast for the rest of the week in parts of the state.

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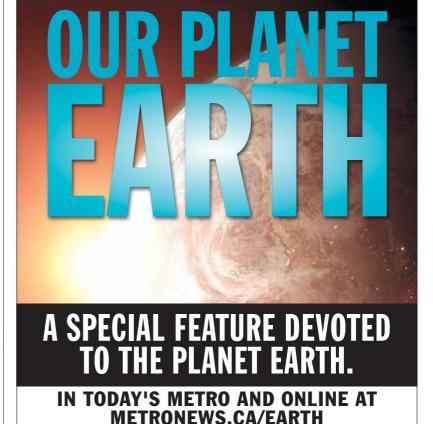
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# Activist Barlow battles to save Mother Earth

She wants a declaration of rights for our planet'There's resistance because it hurts,' activist says

As the United Nations begins discussion on the idea of a declaration of rights for Mother Earth, a Canadian activist is helping lead the fight to obtain a "paradigm shift" in the way we perceive the Earth and its resources.

If we don't take care, says Maude Barlow, humans and the planet will be in serious trouble.

Barlow, national chair of the Council of Canadians, says it's time for us to shift from an economic view of "unlimited market growth" to one that focuses on the fact the "Earth sustains all life."

"Our argument is our policies of unlimited growth, unregulated trade and then government deregulation ... (are) 40

As an example of the mishandling of resources, Maude Barlow cites a study reporting that by 2030 the demand for water worldwide will outstrip supply by 40 per cent.

putting the environment at risk," she said from the UN in New York.

Barlow and other activists face a long, tough battle.

She likens the fight to the one Eleanor Roosevelt carried out to get the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted.

"She fought so hard,"

Barlow said. "People mocked it ... it's humanity taking an evolutionary step forward, and there's resistance because it hurts."

Barlow and others would like to see the proposed Universal Declaration of the Rights for Mother Earth become a companion declaration to The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, passed by the UN in 1948.

Some countries have already taken action.

Bolivia is set to adopt a declaration of rights for Mother Earth. Ecuador has adopted a resolution protecting nature, said Barlow. India has declared that its rivers are sacred and have rights.

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### No more **Lords**

Squeeze in Sir, excuse me Earl. Lawmakers say the red leather benches of Britain's House of Lords are packed to bursting - with parliament's upper chamber straining to cope with the needs of almost 800 members.

Legislators complain the overcrowding means a scramble for seats, office space and slots to speak. Some grumble that an influx of new members has ushered in a bad-tempered atmosphere.

The House of Lords currently has 792 active members, a mix of appointed, hereditary and religious peers. A University College London report published yesterday warned that the chamber had become "bloated and dysfunctional," and demanded an immediate halt to any new appointments.

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British Prime Minister

David Cameron will wear a

formal morning suit with

long tails to the royal wed-

yesterday. A spokesman

opt for a business suit.

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had indicated earlier this

week that Cameron would

ding after all, his office said

### **Morning** A royal meeting

Buckingham Palace said vesterday Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, Prince Philip, hosted the parents of Kate Middleton for a private lunch at Windsor

Kate is set to wed Prince William on April 29.

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### **Close call for Michelle** Obama's airplane



• Incident is the latest in crisis involving U.S. air traffic controllers

Investigators say a mistake by an air traffic controller was likely to blame for a near-miss Monday at Joint Base Andrews, near Washington, involving U.S. President Barack Obama's wife, Michelle Obama, and Jill Biden, wife of U.S. vice-president Joe Biden.

A White House plane carrying the two women had to abort its landing after coming dangerously close to a military cargo plane sitting on a runway.

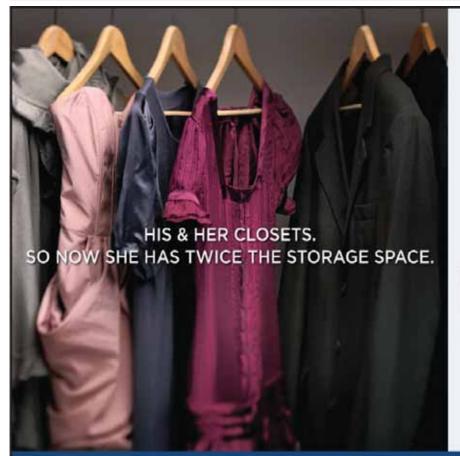
The incident is just the latest in a series of mishaps involving air traffic controllers who have either fallen asleep on the job or otherwise flaked out.

An investigation by the

"... I'm hopping mad about it and we will continue to suspend controllers and doing investigations until we put a stop to this."

U.S. TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY RAY LAHOOD, ON RECENT SPATE OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER ISSUES

Federal Aviation Administration was underway yesterday into what went wrong at Joint Base Andrews that required the Boeing 737 to abort its landing and circle the airport until the cargo plane was safely out of the way. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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### Harper clad in plaid

♦ Website mocking old photos of candidates expected to hit a million views ♦ Plenty of mop-top hairdos and large-frame glasses to snicker at



Bet Stephen Harper never thought a photo of himself in his university days would go viral.

Thanks to a new website, vintagevoter.ca, photos of Harper and the other national party leaders in their "glory" days are all over Twitter and Facebook.

The site, which has published photos of Harper, Elizabeth May, Michael Ignatieff, Jack Layton and Gilles Duceppe in their younger days, was created by Winnipegger David Liebl, 31, and two friends.

"Certainly, we never expected it to be this popular," said Liebl.

Liebl said vintagevoter.ca has been a Twitter trending "We're, as you say, equal in who we make fun of."

DAVID LIEBL, 31, WHO FOUNDED VINTAGEVOTER.CA

topic since its launch.

Liebl calls the site a satirical look at national politics, and he hopes the site will encourage people to become more engaged in the political process.

"I won't suggest that looking at the site translates into a vote at the box, but it's my hope ... that people will become more engaged and aware of Canadian politics."

Liebl said he has had responses from at least one political party and he's hoping other camps will submit photos of their leaders in their younger days.

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### Canadians 'struggle' to save, says survey

• Repaying debt is only going to get harder as spiking inflation drives interest rates up, experts say • Some people shopping beyond means

Nearly one-third of Canadians don't have enough money to cover living expenses, while 38 per cent have no savings at all, says a survey from TD

And with interest rates expected to rise this summer, clearing debts probably won't get any easier.

"I think it's worrisome," said Carrie Russell, senior vice-president of retail banking at TD Canada Trust.

The online survey

#### Busted

In Alberta, 55 per cent of respondents said they found it "a struggle" or "impossible" to save, and 31 per cent said they had enough money saved to cover at least four months of living expenses.

based on a representative sample of 1,003 adults says 30 per cent of Canadians don't have enough money to cover rent and

The respondents said their top goals were: Saving for retirement (73 per cent); paying off credit cards (72 per cent); and major purchases or vacations (53 per cent each).

Russell said 12 per cent those surveyed couldn't save because "they shopped beyond their means." Nineteen per cent under the age of 35 said they spent too much on shopping, she added.

really "This down to the age-old question of budgeting, choices and skills required in making plans for a healthy financial future."

On the flip side, 30 per cent said they had enough money saved to cover living expenses for at least four months.

Russell recommends a cushion of three to six months of income saved to get through unexpected financial shocks.

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### Funny monev takes bank aback

A panic ensued in Harare Wednesday after an automated teller machine dished out defunct Zimbabwe dollars while it was being repaired. Irate bank customers thronged the Interfin bank downtown as rumours spread the old currency was back in circulation. Zimbabwe adopted the U.S. dollar in 2009 in an attempt to halt record inflation. The Interfin bank said the error occurred when technicians tested the ATM with the old currency and forgot to take it out of the machine.

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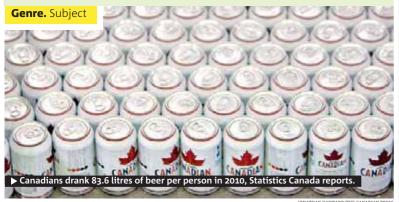
### **Gilded pay** packet for Google ex-CEO

Google Inc. boosted former CEO Eric Schmidt's annual salary to \$1.25 million US from \$1 on April 4 when he turned the job over to co-founder Larry Page.

He also gets an annual bonus of \$6 million US. He had limited his salary to one dollar and refused bonuses since 2004 despite the company's offer to pay him more each

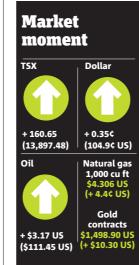
Schmidt, who has an estimated net worth of \$7 billion US, is now Google's executive chairman.

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### A hiccup in beer sales

Canadians drank \$9.2 billion worth of beer — or 83.6 litres per person — in 2010, up 3.8 per cent from the previous year, Statistics Canada reports. But while beer remains the country's favourite alcoholic thirst-quencher, its market share has declined to 46 per cent from 52 per cent a decade ago. Wine consumption, on the other hand, continues to grow, with share for wine rising to 29 per cent last year from 23 per cent in 2009.





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### WHAT WILL THE **PUNDITS SAY?**

Whether you're new to the country, new to voting, or just an ignouramous (note the Canadian spelling), you may be confused by some of the lingo you've been hearing since the "writ" was "dropped" in our "democracy." If that sounds like you, then here's a special glossary to bring you meaning as you decide who is the lesser of five evils.

#### **CANADA VOTES 2011 GLOSSARY**

Advance poll: A place where Canadians who are unable to cast ballots on voting day exercise their right to avoid voting in advance.

Coalition: Traditionally a temporary alliance of political parties used to form a government when no single party can do so. More recently understood to be the worst, most reckless, most despicable action a party can take short of mailing people flesh-eating disease.

**Democracy:** A form of government designed to give the maximum number of people in society the impression that what they think matters. In Canada, usually accompanied by a question mark. (Google it and see.)

Gerrymander: To divide electoral ridings in a way that favours one party over another; for example, if the Conservative government created a riding that included only affluent suburbs, or if Elizabeth May created a riding that included only her house.

**Husting:** Any place where a candidate meets voters; originally contained an L.

**Independent:** A candidate so true to his or her own ideals and personal vision for Canada that he or she has no chance of winning.

Poll: A survey that indicates the voting intentions of people who still have landlines and are so lonely that they're just happy to have someone to talk to, 19 times out of 20.

Pundit: A political commentator who forms opinions by commenting on the opinions of other pundits. The identity of The Original Pundit is a closely guarded secret.

Green party: The Glossary Consortium has ruled that the Green party will not get its own definition until it has a seat in the House of Commons.

**Bloc Québécois:** A political party that blames the federal government for everything bad and takes credit for everything good, making it the party that most closely resembles the average Canadian.

**New Democratic Party:** The political party that will hold the balance of power in the House of Commons for the foreseeable future through the power of fourthplace finishes.

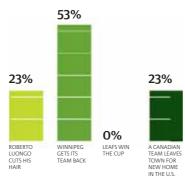
Grits: (slang) Southern corn-based food or the Liberal Party of Canada; traditionally goes with pork. Conservative party: (Definition redacted).

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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What will happen first in the NHL?



#### Local tweets



► @ErinKellydotca: Just drove by #spolumbos

It's like illegal NOT to come in for a sandwich, right? #yyc

- @XOjesXO: Sigourney Weaver is in #YYC ... I wonder if anyone who liked Avatar cares?
- @meganchoi: At the Power of Women conference in #YYC. Love. love. love Lesley Stahl from 60 minutes.
- @MyFishingLine: #Yyc airport is busy this afternoon! Not sure if people are coming or go-

ina?

- ▶ @purplewitchyyc: At the zoo with spawn and princess sitting on stone elephants #yyc
- @SocialGrrrl: Great time at the dog park although muddy, when the sun shines it kind of seems like spring #yyc
- ▶ @calgarytransit: For those of you who were asking, we listened. "Vote May 02" is going up in destination signs of most CTrains. #yyc #yyctransit
- @Crackmacs: #CFD on scene at Sandman Hotel. I bet someone's set off the smoke alarms;) #yyc

### Worth mentioning

TORONTO. Children's entertainer and activist Raffi is urging "Beluga grads" to vote in the federal election.

The beloved singersongwriter, author and founder of the Centre for Child Honouring makes the plea in a new video posted on YouTube.

In the piece, entitled Raffi 4 Canada, the 62year-old tells "Beluga grads" that if they're really passionate about Canada like he is, they will want to vote May 2.

He also outlines his hopes for the future of the country, saying he thinks Canada needs to strengthen its democratic traditions and enhance them.

Raffi closes out the video by singing a new election-themed verse to his hit 1980 children's tune, Baby Beluga.

'Now you've grown and you're on your way, making waves in the boundless bay, with your shining light and your dreams alive, for the young you'll have one day," he croons.

Grown up Beluga, grown up Beluga, come and rock the vote, please get out and vote, we need to hear you." THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### **Cartoon** by Michael De Adder



### **Get cracking to** eggs-traordinary tree in Germany

Volker Kraft's apple sapling sported just 18 eggs when he first decorated it for Easter in 1965. Decades later, the sturdy tree is festooned with 9,800 eggs, artfully decorated with everything from sequins to seashells.

Decking trees with hollowed-out, painted eggs for Easter is popular in Germany, but the 75-year-old retiree's annual creation has become something special in Saalfeld. Last year, it drew more than 13,000



visitors.

Kraft needs two weeks and countless trips up and down his ladder to hang the eggs and the task has become a little heavier each year since he began the decorations in 1965.

Kraft plans to

add another 200 eggs next year, bringing his total to 10,000 — and then stop, if only because he is running out of room to store the mountain of boxes.

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### Spike fires up Perry

◆ Director Tyler Perry has had enough of fellow African-Americans, especially Spike Lee, attacking him for his films ◆ Madea is back in Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family



Tyler Perry has something he'd like to get off his chest. "Spike (Lee) can go straight to hell! You can print that," the self-made entertainment mogul says. "I am sick of him talking about me ... I am sick of him talking about black people going to see movies. This is what he said: 'You vote by what you see,' as if black people don't know what they want to see."

The two filmmakers have hardly been close since Lee started lambasting Perry's work two years ago, saying that Perry's work is "troubling" and "harkens back to Amos and Andy." A war of words began between Perry and Lee, and Perry is ready to put the whole thing behind him. "Spike needs to shut the hell up," he says.

While Perry insists he tries his best to stay positive, the amount of criticism of him out there has reached such a level that he had to respond, culminating with a letter to

### "Folks out there that work overtime trying to keep people from seeing my movies."

TYLER PERRY

fans he posted online this week warning of the "folks out there that work overtime trying to keep people from seeing my movies," including his latest, Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family, out this weekend. "I don't even understand it (but) this is where the whole Spike Lee (comment) comes from — the negativity, 'This is Stepin Fetchit, this is coon-ery, this is buffoonery," he says. "And they try to get people to get on this bandwagon with them, to get this mob mentality to come against what I'm do-

ing.
"I'm tired of just laying down, tired of just being nice and letting them say whatever they want to say however they want to say it without people knowing what the intent really is," Perry says.

What surprises Perry most is how much of the

criticism comes from within the black community.

"I've never seen Jewish people attack Seinfeld and say, 'This is a stereotype.' I've never seen Italian people attack The Sopranos," he says. "It's always black people, and this is something that I cannot undo ... And I'm sick of it from us. We don't have to worry about anybody else trying to destroy us and take shots because we do it to ourselves."

Between fending off such criticisms, running a self-made media empire, creating and touring stage shows and directing movies, you'd think Perry never got a break, but that's not the case. He's still managed to find a little time for himself.

"I hiked the Grand Canyon this weekend, so I do (take vacations). I take three days here, four days here, a week here," Perry says. "And I've got a little place down in the Bahamas. I can be there in an hour and half. I can leave my desk (in Atlanta) and be there in an hour and half, sitting there chilling out."







The Reel Guys discuss and review Water for Elephants, which stars Reese Witherspoon and Robert Pattinson and opens on Friday. To read the complete story go to metronews.ca/ scene.



### **Movie reviews**

#### See it twice | See it now **Worth watching \*\*\*** | Yawn @@ | Don't bother

### **African Cats** a mix of fun and learning

**African Cats** Genre: Documentary Directors: Keith Scholey, Alastair Fothergill Stars: Samuel L. Jackson Highlighted by the dramatic narration of Samuel L. Jackson, African Cats may be entertainment-focused, but it's still an informative documentary that looks at a pair of feline families struggling in the African Savanna. While danger lurks at every turn (from cubsnatching hyenas to riverroaming crocodile), filmmakers Keith Scholey and Alastair Fothergill accompany easy-to-digest storytelling with gorgeous images of wildlife in rare and stunning moments of natural suspense.

STEVE GOW





**Textuality** Genre: Romantic Comedy Director: Warren P. Sonoda Stars: Jason Lewis, Carly Pope, Fric McCormack

Here's a colourful, earnest but rather tepid dramedy about our current approximation of life and love through complete electron-

ic connectedness, versus actual human contact. Attractive, quasi-available singles isolate themselves behind devices and "rosters" of casual lovers; they've lost interest in taking real risks. It's tough to relate to Textuality, the message is loud and clear but it fails to deliver. O ANNE BRODIE



American: The Bil **Hicks Story** Genre: Documentary Directors: Matt Harlock and

Paul Thomas Bill Hicks changed standup

comedy forever while performing predominantly in obscurity. His acidic wit and satiric commentary on taboo subjects broke barriers until his untimely death at 32. This new documentary is a vivid portraval of the late comedian's life compiled from hours of intimate interviews with his surviving family members and friends.

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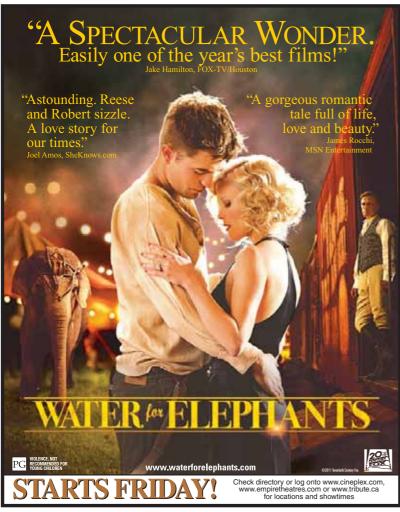


The High Cost of Living Genre: Drama

Director: Deborah Chow Stars: Zach Braff, Isabelle Blais

Zach Braff carries the heavyweight of The High Cost of Living and its somewhat implausible storyline. After a pregnant woman

(Isabelle Blais) is hit-andrun by an American drug dealer (Braff), the guilt-ridden culprit befriends the victim to the questionable point of romance. With nowhere positive to go, the film may be gloomy but its talented stars keep the drama buoyant. • steve gow









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### THE FIRST STEP IN A LONG JOURNEY

Earth Hour began this year where it always begins - on the east coast of Australia. For the next 24 hours it moved steadily through time zones around the world as millions of people switched off their lights, appliances and television sets for one symbolic hour. Around the world familiar landmarks faded to dark — Big Ben, the Eiffel Tower, the Brandenburg Gate, the Parthenon, Forbidden City and Mount Rushmore. In the Philippines a few television stations even halted their broadcasts. Organizers are still tallying the numbers, but Earth Hour 2010 was already counted as the biggest on record, with more than a billion people taking part.

Jed Goldberg admits that events like Earth Hour don't really benefit the environment in any appreciable way, but he says they are powerful symbols nevertheless. Goldberg is the president of Earth Day Canada, an organization that coordinates Earth Day events, promotes year-round programs and educates Canadians on environmental issues. "The fact that so many millions of people around the world take part in these events shows that there is an environmental consciousness out there that didn't exist 20 years ago," he says. "It's very encouraging."

In fact you have to go back 40 years to truly gauge the progress of the environmental movement. The first Earth Day took place in the United States in 1970, in the era of the Kent State Massacre and campus sit-ins. Environmentalists like Rachael Carson, Jacques Cousteau and Jane Goodall were starting to become household names, while an iconic photograph of a fragile planet Earth on a background of black noth-

ingness — an image taken by Apollo astronauts on the way to the moon — captured humanity's imagination.
"Earth Day was supposed to be a one-day wonder," says Goldberg. "Another excuse for a college sit-in. But it touched a nerve, and 20 million Americans took part."

That's a small number, in retrospect. Last year 90 million Americans switched off their lights for Earth Hour, and many more millions took part in Earth Day and Earth Month activities around the world. But is the movement really having an appreciable affect on the environment? Goldberg says yes. "Today environmental awareness is part of our culture here in Canada," he says. "It's part of our daily routine. Twenty years ago a lot of people didn't even know what composting was. Nowadays a lot of urban Canadians

have composters in their back yards. Recycling programs are ubiquitous and there's a real awareness of things like organic food and energy saving."

In fact, studies show in just the first four years of the last decade, composting increased the amount of organic waste diverted from Canadian landfills by 70 percent. Recycling has also increased by nearly 10 percent since 2006, decreasing the amount of waste coming from Canadian households by about 4 percent. But carbon emissions in Canada are increasing faster than the population, and recent events like the nuclear reactor crisis in Japan and last year's oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico point to the fact that much more needs to be done. "We've just scratched the surface," says Goldberg. "Shifting our environmental sensibilities is just the first step, but it's an important step."

The Galapagos Islands were integral to the science of natural history and are one of the the premier ecotourism destinations on the planet.

### ECOTOURISM ADVENTURES

### UNIQUE DESTINATIONS OFFER LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCES

Danny Gilfoy and Michael Waugh were just trying to escape a bleak Nova Scotia winter when they headed for Costa Rica this past February. They ended up escaping the confines of human civilization for two incredible weeks. Costa Rica was a magical place full of natural wonders that the two Halifax natives had never seen before. They hired guides to take them through mangrove swamps teaming with crocodiles, vis-

A Gap Adventures tour group celebrates their arrival at the top of the world in Tibet.

ited beaches where leatherback turtle conservation projects were underway and a rehabilitation centre that returned injured howler monkeys to the wild. They tried their hand at white water rafting and canyoning and rode long zip lines through rainforest canopies. In the quiet evenings they thrilled to the sloths and coatimundis that crept curiously close their rented cabin.

When nothing else was planned, Gilfoy and Waugh hiked the trails that honeycombed through the rain forests and cloud forests near their accommodations - well marked and maintained to keep hikers from trampling the delicate ecosystem and a safe distance away from venomous snakes and insects. "If you have a good guide with you, they will spot things that you wouldn't notice," says Gilfoy. "They'll explain a lot about the ecology of the place that you would otherwise miss.'

Gilfoy and Waugh are part of a new

travel mindset, says

Bruce Poon Tip,

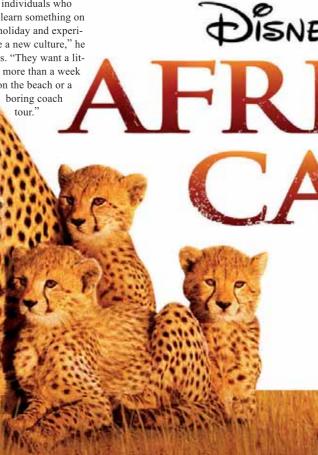
founder of the

Toronto-based adventure travel company Gap
Adventures. They are eco-tourists.
"Eco-tourists are individuals who want to learn something on their holiday and experience a new culture," he says. "They want a little more than a week on the beach or a

Poon Tip started Gap Adventures in 1990 as an alternative for traditional forms of travel like cruise ships, resorts and coach tours. Today his company offers more than 1,300 trips to over 100 countries — many to exotic destinations like the Galapagos Islands, Antarctica or Tibet – places with wildlife or spiritual highlights that often create life-changing experiences for his clients. "I believed travel, more specifically innovative travel experiences, was a powerful force that could facilitate change, and ultimately change people's lives."

Gilfoy says the Costa Rica experience was definitely a life-changer, and he recommends that anyone who wants to get the most out of an ecotourism adventure should hire a reputable travel company to handle the details. "The company that we used picked us up at the airport and drove us back. For two weeks they arranged everything, based on what we told them we wanted to do. We didn't have to worry about a thing."

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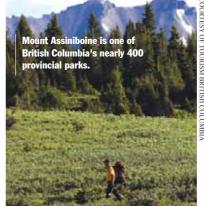
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> ton Forest lies just a few hours drive from cities like Toronto



It's a fact that many Canadian city dwellers seem unaware of. No matter where you live in this country, it's possible to spend the day immersed in the natural world and still be home in time for dinner.

The natural drama is everywhere. In Nova Scotia every September millions of plovers and sandpipers gather along a thin strip of beach in the Bay of Fundy, blanketing the mud flats and gorging themselves on shrimp, preparing for a nonstop migratory flight to South America. At the Saguenay-Saint-Laurent Marine Park where the Saguenay River meets the Saint Lawrence, 13 species of whales can be seen in one place as they feed in the rich waters. At Point Pelee National Park in the southern tip of Ontario, keen observers can spot almost 400 species of birds and a variety of plants that aren't found anywhere else in Canada.

Western city dwellers are even closer to nature. Winnipeg sits at the edge of three major Canadian ecosystems — the tallgrass prairie to the west and south, the Canadian shield to the east and the interlake region to the north. In Calgary and Edmonton, an hour's drive west puts day trip adventurers into the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. The

> same distance east opens up the harsh, beautiful world of the badlands. And British Columbia, with five spectacular national parks and nearly 400 provincial parks, is one of the great ecotourism destinations on the planet.

> > Taken together it represents a lifetime of exploring for Canadian urbanites. One day trip at a time.

> > > -Tom Mason

### **CANADIAN ECOTOURISM DESTINATIONS WITHIN EASY REACH**

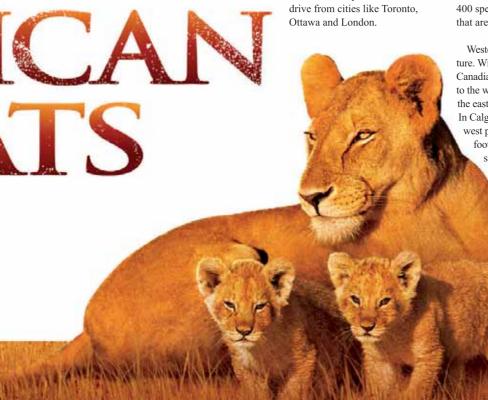
BAY OF FUNDY: Currently on the short list of choices for the "seven wonders of the natural world" the Bay of Fundy between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick is a mecca for whale and bird watchers, fossil hunters, kayakers and photographers. ALGONQUIN PARK: The oldest provincial park in Canada is also one of the country's finest. Within easy reach from Ottawa, Algonquin Park is a chance to see big game wildlife in its natural state, and follow in the footsteps of the Group of Seven.

CAP TOURMENTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE AREA: Just a short drive north of Quebec City in Quebec's spectacular Charlevoix region, Cap Tourmente is a major snow goose migration stopover and an internationally recognized tidal marsh wetland.

MANTARIO TRAIL: Located about 150 kilometers east of Winnipeg, the 63-kilometer-long Mantario Trail in Whiteshell Provincial Park is not for the ill-prepared, but it's a good place to experience the natural wonders along the edge of the Canadian shield.

MALIGNE CANYON: One of the most dramatic hikes in Alberta's Jasper National Park, Maligne Canyon is a deep canyon complete with waterfalls, glacier carved caverns and spectacular gorges. JOHNSTON CANYON: An easy drive from Calgary, Johnston Canyon in Banff National Park offers hikers a chance to see as many as seven waterfalls, depending on how much energy they want to exert.

SEA KAYAKING IN HOWE SOUND: With practically a lifetime of natural getaways within easy reach of downtown Vancouver, it's hard to know where to start. A guided sea kayaking tour of Howe Sound is one option — complete with epic mountain scenery, seabirds and possible orca sightings. A number of local outfitters offer rentals, instructions and qualified guides for novice paddlers.



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### IT'S A CHANGING WORLD. THOSE WHO THRIVE DIVERSIFY, AND CONSERVE THEIR RESOURCES WHERE THEY CAN.

You hear this sort of talk a lot in business, but these principles are bigger than profits and losses. They describe the state of our planet, too. Companies like Toshiba of Canada make it their business to see the connection.

For Toshiba, the merging of corporate and social responsibility goes deep; and it's getting deeper still, with the announcement of Toshiba's alliance with the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC). This three-year partnership will support the two organizations' shared core belief: that conservation of the biodiversity of ecosystems is the key to environmental management.

"We believe NCC is providing a great benefit to Canadians," says Ralph

Hyatt, Toshiba Canada's president and CEO. The private, non-profit group partners with corporate and individual landowners to conserve some of Canada's most precious, and imperiled, natural spaces, and the plant and animal life inhabiting them. They protect the wild, yet their methods are anything but low-tech. That's where Toshiba comes in.

Toshiba is the largest private sector supporter of NCC's Land Information System (LIS). Developed by NCC science staff, the LIS will roll out Canada-wide this year, allowing NCC to report on its achievements in an integrated way, using categories such as Species, Threats, and Stewardship Actions, and ultimately helping it make the strategic decisions necessary to better protect Canadian land and species.

Over the next three years, Toshiba will support LIS with funding and mobile computing technology in the form of laptop computers, adapted for multiple uses, including training, in-office and in-field conservation work, and stewardship management. Using Toshiba technology and LIS, NCC staff will report, plan, manage and monitor properties more efficiently, resulting in better time and resources management, and better conservation overall.

### **PARTNERS** IN PROGRESS

Toshiba Canada's support for the new Land Information System includes laptop computers, adapted for multiple uses, both in-field and in-office

On one side: a high-tech company with a social ethic, looking for a worthy cause. On the other: a charity helping to preserve the planet, but sorting through mountains of data. Toshiba of Canada and the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) belong together, because each offers the other what it needs.

NCC is an organization dedicated to protecting highly threatened land-scapes—those vital to Canada's ecological integrity. It's an efficient organization by any measure, keeping overhead costs at 15 per cent, including administration, fundraising, and communication. However, it also requires the help of more than 200 staff and volunteers to collect, store and analyze the enormous amounts of information needed to plan its activities. To

keep things running smoothly, and with Toshiba's support, NCC has developed a Land Information System (LIS).

"The LIS allows our experts to access critical information instantly, in the field or the office," explains NCC president and CEO, John Lounds. "Through our partnership with Toshiba, we can integrate powerful technology into that conservation work." And the arrangement does more than save time for NCC staffers; it will also improve conservation outcomes and strengthen NCC's bonds with outside partners, like landowners.

"Toshiba's contribution allows us to better share information that impacts our conservation efforts," says Lynn Gran, NCC's vice-president, strategic philanthropy, and CDO. "That's how you create true win-win outcomes. With Toshiba's support, we're building a system that helps us conserve more landscapes, protect more species, and create a natural legacy for generations of Canadians."

With Earth Day on the way, NCC and Toshiba expect conservation to be top-of-mind for many more Canadians. Those ready to help protect habitats and species can learn how at www.natureconservancy.ca/forcefornature.

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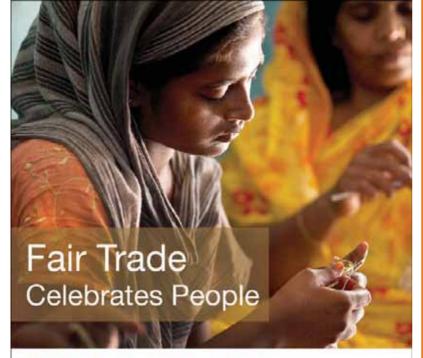




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# Be a friend indeed to a woman in need

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# BACKSTAGE PASS

JENNIFER LARAWAY



Mother's Day is right around the corner and there are a of

brating the occasion: walk and run marathons, galas, breakfasts, you name it. RnR Wellness THE SPA, located in the Fairmont Palliser (133 9th Avenue SW) is taking a much different approach. They use the month of May to bring awareness to moms who struggle. Then they treat these deserving women to complimentary services throughout the year. The event is called moms-inneed and the concept is simple: help a woman in

You don't need to book your own appointment or donate any cash to nominate a woman you think deserves a spa experience. Now, before we get too excited and start nominating all your Facebook friends there are a few guidelines. RnR Wellness is looking for women who wouldn't ordinarily have the means to treat themselves to a spa. These are the single moms who survived abusive relationships or have overcome or are battling an illness. They put on that brave face, sometimes for years at a time, never looking for someone to recognize them or show their appreciation.

Last year, the spa donated nearly 100 services to women-in-need. For many of the women receiving services, this was their first time at a spa. This year, RnR Wellness is reaching even more women. In addition to public nominations, which can be done by emailing info@rnrwellness.com, they are treating the moms of the Make a Wish

Day services. Making this all happen is owner Elisabeth Fayt. On top of running her own spa, she is also a best-selling author and has appeared in the movie The

Opus to talk about nurturing your body, mind, and spirit. "It's not just about a free treatment at the spa. When these women come here, to a place of peace, they get their spirit back."

Now, that's one heck of a Mother's Day gift. For more information or to book your own mom into this beautiful spa, call 403.244.9290 or visit rnr-



MADHATTERS WELCOME

# **Teatime** for Japan

Teang Tang is going global by giving back. On Sunday, May 1, the newly minted Ruby Woo Inc. is partnering with the Calgary Japanese Community Association to raise disaster relief funds.

But, this isn't like other fundraisers. For starters, it's free to at-

Taking place from 1-4 p.m. at the Art Gallery

of Calgary, Ruby Woo is raising donations for Japan by auctioning off 12 Wedding dresses inspired by Marchesa, Vera Wang, St. Pucchi and Romona Keveza.

Top bidders receive a custom-made dress to their. Opening bids start at \$300.

To make sure you aren't passing out from the amazing deals or designs, there will be wine, tea and treats available for purchase.

Make sure you wear vour best Sunday tea dress and RSVP through rubywoo.eventbrite.com

JENNIFER LARAWAY



# Berry dishing on her court custody battles

• Actress admits her and Gabriel Aubry needed serious help to get past it

Halle Berry is opening up about her contentious cusbattle with exboyfriend Gabriel Aubry.

"It's been a year full of challenges. When there's a child involved, it's a relief when you can resolve things in a good way," Berry tells Extra.

"Our issues were never about fighting for her. We both know a child needs both her parents.'

But despite both being invested in their daughter's happiness, Berry adshe and Aubry needed serious help.

"Sometimes, as a couple, you reach an impasse. We need a court and a judge to help us work out some of the delicate issues," she says.

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"Sometimes, as a couple, you reach an impasse. We need a court and a judge to help us work out some of the delicate issues" HALLE BERRY ON THE COURT

BATTLES SHE HAD OVER HER KIDS







# Judge keeping kids from Sheen

Despite his estranged wife, Brooke Mueller, reportedly having a drug relapse last week and entering rehab this week, Charlie Sheen did not win back custody of his twin sons, Max and Bob, according to Radar

A Los Angeles judge decided to continue Mueller's primary custody of the boys, though her mother will be watching them while she completes her treatment.

Charlie Sheen has been touring North America on a speaking tour that has been met with mixed re-

# **Talking points**

# Pitt, Jolie pay well for their nannies

NOT CHUMP CHANGE. Not surprisingly, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have some pretty steep requirements when it comes to nannies for their six children, a former applicant reveals to Popeater.

The famous couple reportedly employ a nanny for each child, and every child-minder is expected to have a college degree in education or child development and speak at least two languages, and any applicant must obviously be willing to travel. Pitt and Jolie reportedly pay their nannies between \$50,000 and \$150,000 а year. • метко

# **Timberlake** going bald?

ROGAIN AD SPOT COMING. Justin Timberlake is reportedly stressing out about thinning hair, according to In Touch, with a source close to the singer saying concern about hair-loss is one of the reasons for Timberlake keeping his hair close-cropped.

"He's keeping his hair super-short so no one notices," the source says. "He's using specially formulated shampoo to promote hair growth. He certainly doesn't want to go

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# Glee fans will be screaming

star Emma Roberts was reportedly spotted getting cosy with Glee heartthrob Chord Overstreet while attending the Coachella music festival recently.

# **Celebrity tweets**



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thinking. Twitter asks what I'm doing. Foursquare asks where I am. The internet has turned into a crazv girlfriend."



"Trump allegedly hired detectives to find Oba-

ma's birth certificate. He could have made it a task on Celebrity Apprentice and saved money.

"Sat out by the pool for a bit and now my iphone now says it wont work because of temperature?? So, I put



in in the fridge."

"Spent over 13 hours setting up a zip line in my bedroom. Then I

just hit a wall"

according to Us Weekly. 'They were making

out," a source says. "They couldn't keep their hands off each other.'

And while they enjoyed the festival and its various parties, the desert heat might have been a

bit too much for "They were talking about heading to a hotel pool," the source



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# Move boldly into sprinter

• That's a term some fashion people have started using to refer to those cold weather pieces mixed in with all the summery items hitting stores right now. It sounds oxymoronic, but in the fashion world, it's perfectly logical.





The Far East continues to be the promised land for luxury fashion brands. Burberry Prorsum just opened a flagship store in Beijing and will be having a lavish runway show there that will be streamed live on the company's Web site on



HUNT

Fur stoles for spring? Sheer skirts for the dead of win-

These days, it all makes perfect sense, with fashion designers paying little attention to the season for which they're creating clothing.

Yes, we all still need warm coats when it's cold out and something light and airy to wear in the heat.

But in the past year, some of those old rules like, say, thou shalt only wear sandals in summer, have changed.

From a business perspective, fashion houses are finally taking a look at the timing in which their clothes hit stores and the fact that women don't necessarily want to have to wait three to four months to be able to wear their spring or winter scores.

"The fact of the matter is, the weather is still very cold in most countries by the time the spring collections hit. It's a slightly old-

so controlled by the season," Zowie Broach, one-half of the Londondesign based duo Boudicca says of the phenomenon some editors have taken to calling "sprinter." She created fur-collared wool coats for her spring collection because she knew that "there are

But even if the customer is in Las Vegas, she might want to wear that coat over a beautiful chiffon dress on a chilly night.'

Prada's hugely popular spring collection featured outsize brightly colored fur stoles that at first glance seemed like an odd choice

Burberry Prorsum showed quilted leather jackets/ that could work just as well in January as April.

"Right now it's less about 'spring' or 'summer' and more that it's a 'new season. When it's cold out, you want a new, great coat. It's as simple as that," Broach says.

"Women want to buy and wear things immediately. The hunter/gatherer storing isn't anymore," she

Global commerce sites Net-a-Porter further stoke the winds of change.

"As an international business, seasonless dressing is very relevant to us," says Holli Rogers, buying

"There is nothing more frustrating than not being able to find something when you need it most. Many of the brands we stock now offer multiple collections that include pre, cruise and high summer.

Anna dello Russo

wearing a wintry look from

the Prada spring collection

right after it hit stores,

"With this increased frequency of new arrivals throughout the year, we can offer more choice to our customer wherever she may be, from New York to Australia to Moscow," she



for the season, but

ended up being one of

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through toweldried hair and a root lifter around the crown root area.

Step 2 Finger dry hair upside down pulling on roots where you want lift.

Step 3 Place hair in three sections and blow dry with a large round brush for maximum smoothness away from your face to create lift. Remember: start from the back and work your way to the front and create tension with your round brush to maximize volume. Also, the key to a smooth mane is to make sure your hair is blown out completely dry and end with a blast of cold air.

step 4 Part dry hair into three sections and run ceramic flatiron through midshaft to ends. This retains volume. Add shine spray.



**Control the curls** 

Peter Ciardulli, Curly Hair Expert & Owner of Calia Hair Design, Calia Hair.com "Curly hair is to straight hair what cashmere is to silk"

Step 1 Cleanse the hair with an anti-frizz shampoo. Next use a moisture-rich conditioner which will help smoothen the cuticle, detangle and improve manageability. Curly hair should be cleansed 1-2 times a week and be conditioned every time you wet down or wash the hair as needed.

Step 2 Comb through hair with fingers or very large tooth comb. This reduces any tangles that may occur during the styling process.

Step 3 Apply a generous

amount of curl-focused styling product. Calia Texture Curl Cream is a fast drying hair cream that calms down unruly or frizzy hair with soft and pliable results. Apply in 2-3 applications so you get more of an even distribution of product throughout hair then repeat Step 2.

Step 4 For extra lift on the root pinch the hair and clip it with a roller clip. This will give extra support on the top of the head and root area. Never manipulate the hair while in the drying stage, either

air or blow dry by diffusing. This means no scrunching, shaking or rubbing the hair while it is in the drying stages. By doing this you're not allowing the curl to form and take shape.

Step 5 Once the hair is dry then you can finger through the hair and scrunch it to loosen the curl. At this point your hair is set and will not frizz! You can add a finishing crème like Calia Fibre Optics - a cream based pomade. This will define and separate the curls for more definition.

# **Beauty** picks

# **SOLID PERFUMES**

A blast of spray perfume can overwhelm in the heat. Replace it with a solid version for summer, which can actually be a bit lighter due to the fact that it allows you to control how much you wear — and how strong you smell. L'Occitane's Rose 4 Reines has a light floral touch that won't necessarily encourage the mosquitoes to come calling. Meanwhile Le Labo and Anthropologie have collaborated to create a sweet and delicate summery mix of mandarin and musk called Orange Discrete. For something a bit headier to be worn into the night, try Diptyque's enchanting Eau Duelle with rich notes of vanilla and frankincense. O ROMINA MCGUINNESS



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# Preparing the backyard for spring

# • Time to bring out the gardening tools and return to green pastures

# **DIY IDEAS**

Backyard season is almost here and in anticipation of sunny skies and warm weather, DIY Network Canada's Turf War (Mondays at 9 p.m. ET/PT) has a few tips on how to get your yard in tip-top shape.

## Walk the Perimeter

Spring showers have washed away the snow, but chances are they've also exposed a messy lawn.

Prior to rolling out the lawnmower, make sure to pick up any sticks, stones or other debris that has made their way into your yard.

While wearing protective gloves, pull up any dead plants or weeds in the garden to loosen the soil and make room for new sprouts. Walk around the house to assess the foundation of the house. Check for cracks and pools of water that threaten to leak into the basement.

### **Check and Clean**

Take an inventory of your garden tools and check hoes, trowels, rakes and shovels for cracks and splintering.

Rubbing linseed oil on wooden tool handles can prevent splintering, which in turn diminishes the chance of personal injury. Consider replacing tools that are on their last leg so that garden projects won't be interrupted by a suddenly broken tool.

Snowy winter weather also leaves grime and fungi on the surface of the patio deck.

Prior to dragging out the patio furniture, give the deck a proper wash.

Make your own cleaning formula by mixing a cup of laundry detergent with four litres of hot water

Pour the liquid onto the patio and use a bristled brush to get out the tough stains. Rinse off the entire deck with water and allow it to dry completely.

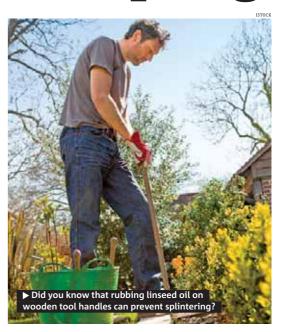
### **Prune Away**

Some garden plants, such as rose bushes and hydrangeas, require pruning in order to remain healthy and produce new blooms. Pruning is most successful when it's done while the blooms are still dormant.

Using pruning shears, make a clean, angled cut a quarter inch above an outward-facing bud.

Continue this technique across the entire plant. As well, cut back any dead stems. The more you prune, the more room there will be for new blooms.

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# Don't be afraid to slice that tree



Visitors to my garden this time of year are often astonished to see me lopping the tops off some of my trees.

No, I'm not the Henry VIII of horticulture, chopping the head off any tree that no longer meets my fancy. OK, I am actually lopping the head off any tree that doesn't meet my fancy.

I part ways with Ol' Henry, though, because first, lopping the head off a tree does not kill it, and second, I graft on a new head. A few years after this seemingly brutal operation, the tree looks as chipper as ever.

And it has a head that I like better — or else off it comes again.

I do this type of grafting, called topworking, mostly on my apple trees, but it could be applied to many other kinds of fruit or ornamental trees.

For instance, if you don't like the growth habit of your red maple or the leaf shape of your Japanese maple, you can just lop back the head and change it. Same goes for the flower colour of a crab apple or flowering cherry.

# Drying

If your timing is right, and trunk and scions are in good contact, the only remaining threat to success is from the cut ends drying out. Avoid this by thoroughly coating all cut surfaces, including the tips of the scions, with some sort of pruning paint or grafting wax. My favourite is a gooey black stuff called "Treekote."

# **GATHER YOUR STEMS**

Before you can topwork any tree, you have to have stems, called scions, of the variety to which you want to change the plant.

You might get scions from a neighbour's or friend's tree that you have admired.

I often get scions for grafting mailed to me from enthusiasts elsewhere across our fruited plain, or from government institutions. Healthy portions of last year's growth, each cut into pieces a foot or so long, are ideal to become scions. They can be collected anytime in winter or early spring, as long as

stems are showing no signs of growth and temperatures are above freez-

# A FEW CUTS AND YOU'RE FINISHED

The ideal time for topworking is when buds on the trunk are just beginning to grow; the scions are still under refrigeration in their winter sleep.

This way, the scion will have time to knit to the lopped-back trunk and hook up its plumbing before its buds expand into thirsty new shoots.

The actual grafting operation is simple, and there are a few ways to go about it. Cleft grafting, for example, is practised by gardeners for thousands of years and best done on trunks 2.5 to 10 centimetres across.

Wedge grafting and bark grafting are among other methods of topworking, described in such books as The Grafter's Handbook by R. J. Garner (Sterling Publishing, 1993) and Plant Propagation: Principles and Practices by H. Hartmann, D. Kester, F. Davies and R. Geneve (Prentice-Hall, 2010). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# The Royal decor frenzy

# • Karl Lohnes offers tips for helping you decorate to celebrate Prince William and Kate's big day

It's only one week away from the Royal wedding and the world has all eyes focused on Britain.

home decorating fanatics cash in and do a little royal decorating to celebrate

It's only natural that this historical soiree.

Forget about the stodgy gold-rimmed teapots and dollar bin tea towels, here's a list of fabulous British-inspired decorating accessories that are sure to turn your house into a roy-

al celebration of its own.

Its always nice to have a reminder of the Royal wedding. I'm not quite sure what happened to the porcelain platter of Charles and Diana I purchased at their wedding.

Most likely ended up in a yard sale many moons

This time around I might buy something trendy that I'll be proud enough to display.

The Big Ben Clock from Urban Barn (\$80) is 4-feet tall and would look fabulous hung on the small wall in the foyer.

Never to be late and always in style!

I'm thinking a large printed wallpaper would look great hung inside my walk-in for closet impact.

illu-The sion of having many crowns just might start a few royal rumours amongst those who visit.

In terms of entertaining, I'm thinking of waking up early and having a royal brunch at the house. Serving things like Cream

# **DFSIGN**



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Tea from David's Tea in my new

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mandcarryon.ca and serving up a custom English Garden Wedding ice cream cake from Baskin Robbins will add a punch of British whimsy to the occasion.

Am I that crazy about the Royals? I am

considering painting small den a vibrant purple and Royal Throne P5149-63 from Para Paints is on the top of my list!

Teamed with some dark brown wood furniture, a charcoal grey upholstered sofa and a funky Union Jack wall plaque from Urban Outfitters, and I'll achieve a room handsome enough to attract any Prince.



▶ Union Jack wall plaque, Urban Outfitters, \$40.

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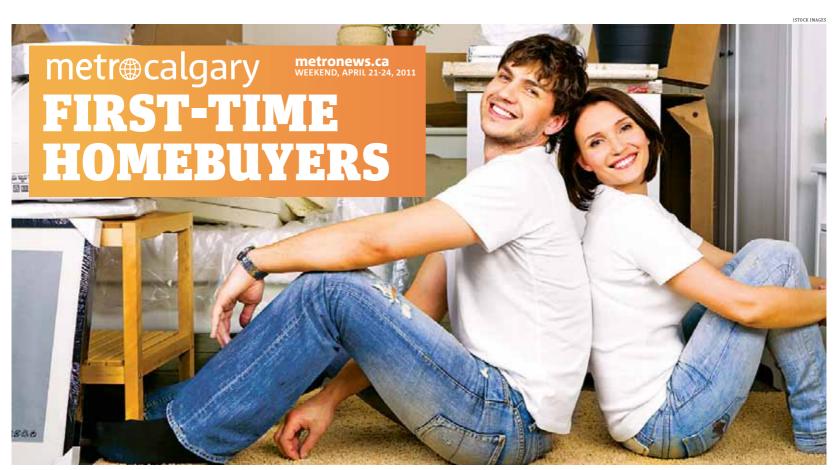
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# Hidden costs of home buying

# Defore you buy your first home, consider these 10 forgotten costs to include in your budget



When Marcelle, 29, and Janeen, 31, bought their first home — a new condo near funky Whyte Avenue in Edmonton — they were determined not to join the house-poor crowd. So they saved up a 25 per cent downpayment, said no to upgrades and bought used furnishings.

But six months later they were in trouble. They hadn't anticipated a host of expenses that tipped their purchase from affordable to "it hurts!" Consider these 10 frequently forgotten costs when you do your budget.

### Interest adjustments

This covers any gap between closing date and first mortgage payment. Avoid it by lining up the closing date and first payment to be exactly a month apart.

# Mortgage insurance

This is typically required by lenders if your downpayment is 20 per cent or less (to a minimum of five per cent).

# Home inspection

The average is around \$100 an hour, though some home inspectors charge by house size.

# Survey (certificate of location) If there isn't a current one

available, plan on spending from \$750 to \$1,500.

### Legal costs

These vary but average \$1,500 to \$2,500.

# Property appraisal

This may be required by your lender, though some include it as part of the mortgage package. Otherwise plan on \$150 to \$300.

# Home insurance

This is an often-overlooked item when calculating monthly payments. Get at least two estimates.

## Vendor reimbursements

This is necessary for items like taxes and fuel, which the vendor paid in ad-

### Land transfer tax

Loathed by home buyers, this tax may be levied in your area. Ask about reductions for first-time buyers.

### **Condo costs**

These can include a parking spot, in-advance monthly condo fees, PST\HST on appliances, occupancy fees, tax on upgrades and warranty enrolment fees.

A little prep in advance of purchase ensures you won't be hit by sticker shock at closing.

# Variable or fixed

- A variable rate will change with interest rates while a fixed rate is, well, fixed for a specified term.
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Milevsky's research indicates that a variable rate saves money 90 per cent of the time, as much as 50 per cent of the interest paid over the life of the mortgage.

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# Fall in love, carefully

# • If you follow your head as well as your heart, your dream home will also be your best investment



First-time homebuyers should behave like investors because that's how they'll save money and ultimately live a happier life, says Don Campbell, a Vancouver real estate expert.

"If you prefer not to save money, then think like a homebuyer," says Campbell, an investor who analyzes and writes about the Canadian real estate industry.

And while it's tough to approach your first home with your brain instead of your heart, Campbell recommends looking for certain criteria in the area

# **Check it out**

Home inspections provide impartial snapshots on the condition of a home.

- Expect a report highlighting major deficiencies, if any, and a comprehensive description detailing the shape of the furnace, the roof, the foundation and so on.
- Find Registered Home Inspectors (RHI) at cahpi.ca. The average inspection cost is \$400.

you like that will encourage you to make a wise decision

"You fall in love with a house in a neighbourhood that has a future and not a past," he says. "Buy in an area where the property values will go up."

Buying close to a train or LRT station is a good idea because those properties are predicted to rise in value 15 per cent more than similar properties that aren't near a station, he says.

It's also smart to work your mortgage like an investor, says Campbell. So on a \$300,000 variable-rate mortgage, choose to pay back the higher monthly payment of a five-year locked-in mortgage.

Yes, the payment is more than you're required to pay, but 100 per cent of the extra payment goes off the principal. After five years, you'll have paid the

▶ Don't take your chances — experts say it's worth investing the time to know exactly what you're buying into.

same total as a locked-in mortgage, but with this method a lot more comes off your principal and you've paid a lot less in interest payments.

Determining a few key

factors before hitting the bricks is a good idea for first-time homebuyers, says Rob Faulkner, president of the Nova Scotia Association of Realtors.

Faulkner says it is vital

that buyers determine what they can afford, choose a few locations that work for their lifestyle and buy a home based on lifestyle and the ability to maintain it.



# Downpayment debate

• It's best to minimize your debt load by maximizing your down payment • Otherwise you pay an insurance premium on your mortgage



What exactly is a down payment on a new home?

"Any lender wants you to have some of your money going into a home purchase alongside lender's money.

That's basically the function of a down payment," says Geoff Parkin, president of the Vancouver-based Mortgage Brokers Association of B.C.

And, as with most payment programs, the more you put down the less you owe later.

The federal law states that anytime you borrow more than 80 per cent of the value of a home, you have to be insured against default by one of Canada's three mortgage insurance companies.

"So we add an insurance premium to the home buyer's mortgage. So for that \$400,000 home where you're putting \$20,000 down, you might have another \$8,000 added onto your mortgage as an insurance premium."

The premiums are calculated by how much your down payment involves starting at 80 to 85 per cent (of the total cost), then 85 to 90 per cent and then 90 to 95 per cent. "Obviously as you get higher, you've put less down on your down payment, the premiums go up," says Parkin.

So how to calculate what you need to put down on that \$500,000 three-bedroom you're in love with?

"Take the cost and multiply it by five per cent, and that tells you what your minimum down payment is," says Donna Mullen, a broker/owner with Your Mortgage Store in Wasaga Beach, Ont.

In this case, you would put down \$25,000.

But as Mullen reminds us, that five per cent is only the minimum — even though there are programs available offering cashback incentives to pay off personal debt.

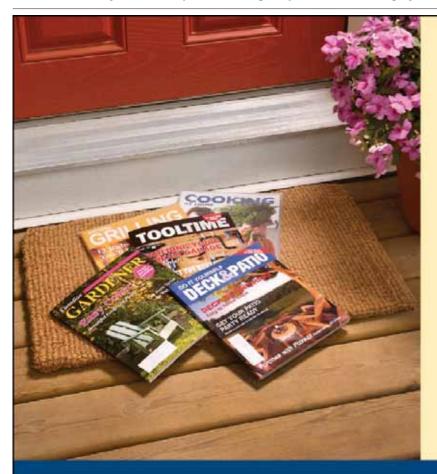
That allows you to free up more money for the down payment and lets you virtually go through 100 per cent financing for your first home, keeping in mind you'll pay the price in higher insurance premiums for at least the first five years of your mortgage.

"But five per cent is where you have to start from. If you have more to put down, that's awesome because the more you put down, your mortgage insurance premium goes down and you save mon-

To keep that down payment in mind, Parkin suggests crunching numbers before you start house hunting.

"Always get preapproved for a mortgage before you go shopping - go through the math to see what you can afford, especially if the market is active," he says.





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- While it's best to minimize your debt load by using your own savings for a down payment, other options include a financial gift from a family member, combining your cash with money from an existing line of credit or tapping into your RRSPS.
- The Homebuyer Mortgage Program lets you take up to \$20,000 out of RRSPs without paying tax on it, if it's for the purchase of your first home. "It's for first-time homebuyers only," says Parkin. "That can then be repaid over 15 years in equal instalments and there are no tax consequences."
- That's on top of your amortization, or the number of years it takes you to pay off your mortgage changes to the federal law in March dropped the length of amortization from 35 years to 30 years.

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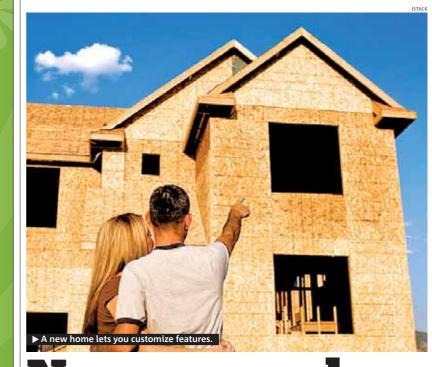
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# New or resale choose what's right for you

◆ There are advantages either way — it just depends on what fits your lifestyle



Shopping for your first house can be fun — especially seeing what's new in home decor — but with all the choice, making a decision can be a challenge. A good place to

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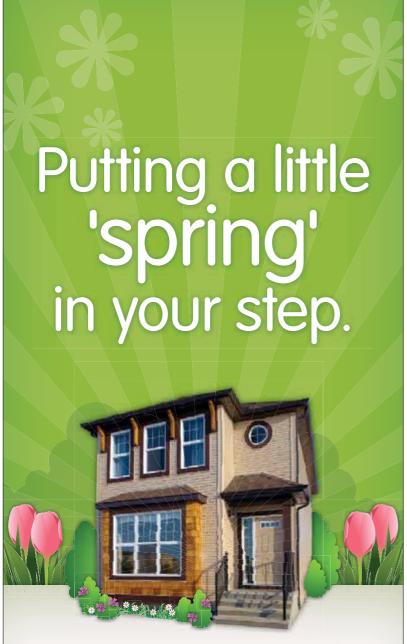
start is either new or re-

"Whether it's your first time buying or your 10th, deciding depends on personal preference and location," says Elton Ash, regional executive vice president of ReMax Canada West in Kelowna, B.C.

It's hard to deny the appeal of a brand new home with all the latest in kitchens, baths, fixtures, he says, and there's a warranty that backs the building, foundation, finishes,

A resale home's biggest appeal is its history - being in an established area, solidly appreciating value, nearby retail, schools, green space, plus a sense of neighbourhood.

But location is a multifaceted issue, Ash adds. New homes are usually found in subdivisions, so there's commuting if you work downtown. That adds to the time and money bottom line, so that needs to be weighed with the house price. Ash has noticed an increased desire for suburbs with good rapid transit connections. The new suburban home also offers lots of home both in size and lifestyle extras — for the money.



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# Weighing in on upgrades

When buying a new home, should you go with the standard package or invest in upgrades? ◆ Should you buy from the builder or do it yourself?
◆ Here are some tips to help you decorate or renovate your new home





Home renovation is a \$50-billion industry in Canada, and most builders will offer a variety of upgrade options ranging from appliances and bathroom fixtures to floor coverings, countertops, doors and decks.

The trick is to know how much to spend. "The top two renovation expenditures are the same no matter where you go — that's kitchens and baths," says Peter Simpson, president of the Greater Vancouver Home Builders' Association.

As far as upgrades are concerned, the sky is the limit. "We're finding that over the past few years the number of products available has increased significantly so the choices are enormous. If you want a handmade nickel clawfoot tub and you've got an extra \$60,000 kicking around, you can have that," says Simpson.

Ben Young, COO of Ramar Homes in Halifax, says the tendency used to be larger homes, but potential buyers are now looking more for interior features, or the "fit and finish" as he calls it. "They're paying attention to things like their

kitchens. Granite countertops are becoming much more popular."

From an investment perspective, any improvements you make will add to the resale value of the home, but only up to a point. A good rule of thumb is to keep a five per cent cap on your upgrades if you want that money back from your investment.

The options offered by builders may vary and some offer limited choices because they're at a certain price point. You may prefer to add your own improvements after the fact. Maybe you'd like to upgrade the kitchen floor to a nicer tile, for example.

But Simpson warns that any work that you or another contractor performs after you've moved in is not covered by the warranty on the house.

"My advice to consumers who are doing this, unless they're very handy, I would leave it to the professionals."

The advantage of buying from the builder, says Simpson, is that "all the new products and services and leading-edge technology and building code advances are included in the new home. That's what some people consider to be the ultimate renovation."



# Why pick a green home?

# • Here are four reasons to choose an energy-efficient new home

# **Energy savings**

Today, 17 per cent of all energy used in Canada goes toward running our homes. We consume a significant amount of energy for heating our homes in the winter and cooling them in the summer and don't forget about the energy we use to heat water used for bathing and cleaning. Imagine the savings on your energy bills if you choose an energy-efficient new home.

# Better to live in

Energy-efficient homes have fewer of those uncomfortable drafts and cold spots. Some homes have specially designed ventilation systems that bring fresh outdoor air in and send stale indoor air out. R-2000 certified homes, for example, are built using healthier building materials, such as low VOC (volatile organic compounds) paints, flooring and cabinets to further improve the indoor air quality in your home.

# Better for the environment

Most of the energy we consume in Canada comes from fossil fuels. As a result, the energy we save in heating, cooling and powering our home will help reduce our environmental footprint. In addition, using energy-efficient light bulbs, low-flow showerheads and water-conservtoilets will all contribute to a greener home. Many new energyefficient homes are being built using insulation, drywall or wood trim that were manufactured using recycled materials.

## Affordability

Buying expensive, custom-

built homes used to be the only way to acquire an energy-efficient home. Today, thanks to initiatives such as the EnerGuide rating system, R-2000 Standard, and ENERGY STAR for New Homes, consumers looking to achieve greater energy efficiency at home have a much wider array of energy-efficient options to choose from, even in tract-built homes.

If you are planning to build or buy a new home in the coming months, spend some time on the NRCan website at newhomes.nrcan.gc.ca or call 1-800-O-Canada for more information on the various energy-efficiency programs that are available in Canada.

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# What's on your wish list?

Your first home can also be your dream home
 → Here's a look at the most popular design features on the Canadian homebuyers' 'wish list for this year

We often hear the term "dream home" as a kind of undefined ideal sometime in the future.

But, as a first-time homebuyer, if you were given a chance to design your own dream home, what would your favourite features be?

In case you'd first like to know what others want, take a look at the most popular design features on the Canadian wish list this year, from Nudura, a leading firm in building technology.

• A designer bathtub and walk-in shower with marble tile, a seating bench and rainfall showerhead are must-haves for the bathroom right now

- Homes made of concrete and natural stone — not structured by wood and brick. These homes are not only beautiful, they are stonger, more sound resistant and far more energy efficient than wood frames and brick.
- Maximum energy efficiency throughout from top to bottom.
- Solar panels in the roof to generate a personal energy source.
- Bedroom walk-out or balcony.
- A sunroom, a front porch

and a finished backyard patio.

- Natural hardwood flooring like Brazilian cherry and sustainable bamboo.
- A large, designer kitchen with natural stone countertops and futuristic appliances, cabinetry and waterworks.
- Vessel sinks or freestanding bowls above the bathroom countertop, accompanied by wall-mounted faucets.
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This flavourslowly ful. roasted leg of lamb from Sarah Raven's cook-

book, Fresh From the Garden, is simple but elegant.

# **Preparation:**

In large reseable plastic bag, combine wine, garlic, cumin, coriander, olive oil, salt and pepper. Mix well. Add lamb, close bag and toss to cover. Stand the bag upright in a large bowl and refrigerate for 24 to 48 hours, turning bag every few hours to coat

the meat.

- In roasting pan, arrange carrots, onions, leeks and garlic in even layer. Place lamb over vegetables, then pour marinade in bag over everything. Roast in 300 F (140 C) for 4 1/2 hours. Remove pan from oven and transfer lamb to a serving platter. Cover lamb with foil, then a layer of kitchen towels. Let rest for 30 minutes.
- Gravy: Meanwhile, heat stock in saucepan over low. Use a slotted spoon to discard vegetables from the roasting pan. Let the liquid in the pan rest for several minutes, then spoon off any visible fat. Set the roasting pan over 1 or 2 burners and heat over medium,

scraping the bottom with a wooden spoon to loosen any stuck bits. Sprinkle in the flour and cook, stirring constantly, for another 1 to 2 minutes.

Slowly pour hot stock into the roasting pan, stirring until it becomes a smooth gravy. Stir in the port and jelly, then simmer for 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper Slice the lamb and serve with the gravy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/

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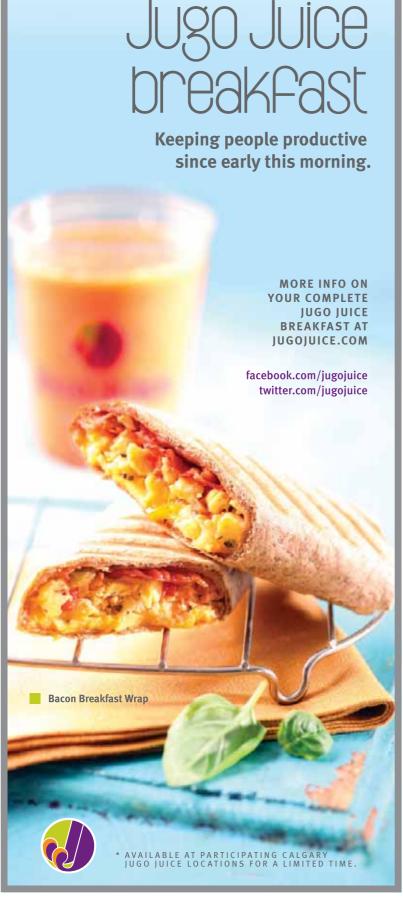
**EMILY RICHARDS IS** A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECON-OMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA.

# **Ingredients:**

- 1 bottle (750 mL) dry white wine
- 5 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) each cumin and coriander seeds, toasted and coarsely ground
- 5 tbsp (75 mL) olive oil
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) each salt and ground black pepper
- 1 leg of lamb (about 5- to
- 5 1/2-lb/2.2 to 2.45 kg) • 3 carrots, chopped
- 2 onions, chopped • 3 leeks, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic

### Gravv:

- 2 cups (500 mL) meat stock
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) flour
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) port or red wine
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) red currant
- Salt and black pepper



JUGO JUICE.

# **Pens OT** win has Lightning on brink





**PENGUINS** 

James Neal scored 3:38 into the second overtime to give the Pittsburgh Penguins a 3-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning in Game 4 of their first-round playoff series Wednesday night.

Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 29 shots — 12 of them in the extra periods — to help the Penguins take a commanding 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference matchup. Game 5 is Saturday in Pittsburgh, with the Lightning needing a victory to stay alive.

Neal gathered a loose puck along the boards and sent the winning shot past goalie Dwayne Roloson, who had 50 saves for Tampa Bay.

Martin St. Louis scored late in the second period and Sean Bergenheim added his first career playoff goal with less than four minutes remaining in regulation as Tampa Bay rallied from a 2-0 deficit for the second straight game against the Penguins.

But unlike Game 3, when Pittsburgh's Tyler Kennedy countered with the winning goal just 31 seconds after the Lightning tied it, Tampa Bay took this one into overtime.

The Lightning failed to take advantage of a powerplay opportunity in the first OT, and got off only one shot in the second extra period before Neal ended it with his first goal of the playoffs.

Kennedy and Arron Asham scored, building Pittsburgh's 2-0 lead in the first 23 minutes of the game. It looked as if the Penguins might be able to hold on when they killed Tampa Bay's last two power-play opportunities of regulation to cling to a 2-1 lead. But Bergenheim's shot trickled through with 3:17 left in the third to even it.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Miller wills a Sabres to win

Decomes first Buffalo goaltender since Dominik Hasek to register two shutouts in one series Flyers lose centre Carter with possible knee injury



Ryan Miller made 32 saves for his second shutout of the playoffs and the Buffalo Sabres beat the Philadelphia Flyers 1-0 Wednesday night to even the firstround playoff series 2-2.

Jason Pominville scored at 9:38 of the first period to help the Sabres re-bound from two straight

It was Miller's third career playoff shutout and second of the series after he stopped 35 shots in Buffalo's 1-0 victory in Game



SABRES

Miller's best stops came in the final nine minutes. First, there was his glove save in stopping Danny Briere, who was set up alone in front. A few minutes later. Miller reached back with his stick to prevent Mike Richards from slipping a shot into an open left side.

The series shifts to Philadelphia for Game 5 Friday night.

Flyers goalie Brian Boucher was sharp, too, in stopping 28 shots.

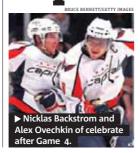
Boucher has allowed only four goals on 87 shots since replacing rookie Sergei Bobrovsky in the first period of Philadelphia's 5-4 victory in Game 2 Saturday.

The only goal Boucher allowed Wednesday was through no fault of his own as Pominville completed a nifty tic-tac-toe passing play in front of the

Tyler Ennis started it from the end boards with blind backhand pass to Rob Niedermayer to create a 2-on-1. Niedermayer fed a pass through the crease to Pominville, who redirected it in the open right side.

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# **Capitals rally stuns Rangers**



Jason Chimera scored 12:36 into the second overtime, and the Washington Capitals completed a three-goal comeback to beat the Rangers 4-3 and push New York to the brink of elimination Wednesday night.

New York scored three times in the second period to make it 3-0 and looked ready to head back to Wash**CAPITALS RANGERS** 

ington even in the series for Game 5. Now the Capitals can advance to the second

round with a win.

Alexander Semin started Washington's rally, and Marcus Johansson scored twice in the third to make it 3-3. The Rangers built their lead on goals by Artem Anisimov, Marian Gaborik and Brandon Dubinsky. Henrik Lundqvist made 49 saves in the loss.

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Quoted



"I was really lucky in the end ... I hope I have the chance to recover properly and play better (Thursday). I'm just happy I came through."

MILOS RAONIC, OF THORNHILL, ONT., WHO LED 6-2 IN THE FINAL SET TIEBREAKER WEDNESDAY, BUT HAD TO HOLD OFF A RALLY FROM GERMAN SIMON GREUL TO ADVANCE TO THURSDAY'S THIRD ROUND AT THE BARCELONA OPEN.



# Spanish soccer spreads the wealth

Barcelona and Real Madrid have overtaken the New York Yankees as the bestpaid global sports teams, according to a British study.

The review published Wednesday showed annual average pay during the 2009-10 season was \$7.9 million US at Barcelona and \$7.4 million at Real Madrid.

The Yankees are paying their players an average of \$6.8 million this season. The team last year topped the review, which is compiled by sportingintelligence.com and is being published by ESPN The Magazine.

The NBA's Los Angeles Lakers and Orlando Magic occupy the fourth and fifth spots. Chelsea, Manchester City, Manchester United, Liverpool and Arsenal also are among the 30 best-paid teams. The ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Yankees power past Blue Jays

Toronto has dropped four of its last five games

Yankees slugger Mark Teixeira had three doubles and scored a run while Bartolo Colon was steady over sixplus innings as New York defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 6-2 Wednesday night.

New York (10-6) scored three early runs off Jays starter Brett Cecil, who lasted five innings.

Colon (1-1) allowed five hits and struck out seven to help the Yankees salvage a split of the twogame series at Rogers Centre.

J.P. Arencibia hit a solo homer for the Blue Jays (8-10), who fell three games behind the first-place Yankees in the American League East.

New York led 3-0 after



two innings and put up two more runs in the fifth to chase Cecil (1-2), who gave up five earned runs, walked four and had four strikeouts.

New York third base-

man Alex Rodriguez returned to the lineup after missing two games with a sore left oblique. He knocked in a run with a sacrifice fly in the fifth inning. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# **Sports in brief**

# Champs League ticket prices skyrocket

soccer. Michel Platini, the president of European soccer's governing body, apologized Wednesday for the high price of Champions League final tickets. A ticket that cost 90 euros (\$125) in 2009 will cost 175 euros (\$243) in 2011.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Little progress in NFL talks

LOCKOUT. The NFL and its locked-out players wrapped up their fourth day of court-ordered talks Wednesday with few signs of progress and no plans to meet again until mid-May.

U.S. District Judge Susan

Richard Nelson is expected to decide well before then on the players' request for an injunction to immediately lift the lockout, now in its 40th day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Dodgers taken over by MLB

BASEBALL. Major League Baseball is taking the extraordinary step of assuming control of the Los Angeles Dodgers, a team increasingly paralyzed by its owners' bitter divorce.

Once among baseball's glamour franchises, the Dodgers have been consumed by infighting since Jamie McCourt filed for divorce after 30 years of marriage in October 2009, one week after her husband fired her as the team's chief executive. Frank McCourt accused Jamie of having an affair with her bodyguard-driver and performing poorly at work. The associated press

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# NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

### **PLAYOFFS**

**CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS** 

(Best-of-7 series)

**FASTERN CONFERENCE** 

Washington (1) vs. N.Y. Rangers (8) (Washington leads 3-1)

Washington 4 N.Y. Rangers 3 (20T)

Saturday's game

N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 3 p.m.

Monday's game x-Washington at N.Y. Rangers, TBA

Wednesday, April 27 x-N.Y. Rangers at Washington, TBA

Philadelphia (2) vs. Buffalo (7) (Series tied 2-2)

Last night's result Buffalo 1 Philadelphia 0

Tomorrow's game

Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia at Buffalo, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26 x-Buffalo at Philadelphia, TBA Boston (3) vs. Montreal (6)

(Montreal leads 2-1)

Tonight's game Boston at Montreal, 7 p.m

Saturday's game Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 26

x-Roston at Montreal, TRA Wednesday, April 27 x-Montreal at Boston, TBA

Pittsburgh (4) vs. Tampa Bay (5) (Pittsburgh leads 3-1)

Last night's result Pittsburgh 3 Tampa Bay 2 (20T)

Saturday's game Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, TBA

x-Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, TBA

Wednesday, April 27 x-Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, TBA

# WESTERN CONFERENCE

Vancouver (1) vs. Chicago (8) (Vancouver leads 3-1) Tuesday's result Tonight's game Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m

Sunday's game x-Vancouver at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26 x-Chicago at Vancouver, TBA San Jose (2) vs. Los Angeles (7)

(San Jose leads 2-1)

Tuesday's result
San Jose 6 Los Angeles 5 (OT) Tonight's game

San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m. Saturday's game Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Monday's game x-San Jose at Los Angeles, TRA

Wednesday, April 27 x-Los Angeles at San Jose, TBA Detroit (3) vs. Phoenix (6) (Detroit leads 3-0) Last night's result

Detroit at Phoenix Tomorrow's game x-Phoenix at Detroit. 7 n m. x-Detroit at Phoenix, TBA Wednesday, April 27 x-Phoenix at Detroit, TBA Anaheim (4) vs. Nashvill

(Series tied 2-2) Last night's result Tomorrow's game Nashville at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Sunday's game Anaheim at Nashville, 8:30 p.m. x-Nashville at Anaheim, TBA x — played only if necessary

PENS 3, LIGHTNING 2 (20T)

First Period

1. Pittsburgh, Kennedy 2 (Michalek, Letestu) 8:14 (pp) Ponalties - Asham Poh (cross-checking) 2:06

Lecavalier TB (holding) 7:19, Bergenheim TB (high-sticking) 16:49. Second Period

2. Pittsburgh, Asham 3 (Lovejoy) 2:39 3. Tampa Bay, St. Louis 4 (Lecavalier, Purcell) 17:14 Penalties - Malone TB (goaltender interfe 10:41, Neal Pgh (goaltender interference) 19:19.

4. Tampa Bay, Bergenheim 1 (St. Louis, Kubi

Penalty — Neal Pgh (high-sticking) 9:54. First Overtime — No Scoring Penalty — Adams Pgh (tripping) 17:34. Second Overtime

5. Pittsburgh, Neal 1 (Staal, Martin) 3:38 nalties — None

Pittsburgh 12 18 10 11 2 -53 6 8 8 8 1 -31 Tampa Bay Goal — Pittsburgh: Fleury (W,3-1-0); Tampa Bay: Roloson (L,1-3-0). Power plays (goals-chances) — Pittsburgh: 1-3; Tampa Bay: 0-4. Referees - Kevin Pollock, Chris Lee. Linesmei

— Brian Murphy, Tim Nowak. Att. — 20,326 (19,758) at Tampa.

# **DUCKS 6, PREDATORS 3**

First Period

1. Anaheim, Fowler 1 (Perry) 4:41 (pp) 2. Anaheim, Koivu 1 (Blake) 5:14 3. Nashville, Horngvist 2 (Kostitsyn, Weber) 5:45

**Penalties** — O'Brien Nash (boarding) 4:07, Suter Nash (slashing) 9:10, Sutton Ana (tripping) 13:03, Weber Nash (slashing) 20:00. Second Period

4. Nashville, Ward 2 (Franson, Sullivan) 5:44 (pp) 5. Anaheim, Selanne 5 (Getzlaf, Fowler) 11:41 (pp)

6. Nashville, Halischuk 1 (Klein, Blum) 14:15 **Penalties** — Sbisa Ana (interference) 1:59, Ruutu Ana (interference) 4:00, Ward Nash (double high-sticking) 7:59, Getzlaf Ana (hooking) 15:40, Bonino Ana (delay of game) 19:28.

7 Anaheim, Perry 2 (McMillan) 1:17 (sh) 8. Anaheim, Getzlaf 2 (Perry) 4:51 9. Anaheim, McMillan 1 (Marchant, Vis-

novsky) 6:46 Penalties — Tootoo Nash (roughing) 15:39, Tootoo Nash (misconduct, game misconduct) 18:12.

Shots Anahein Machville

1-0); Nashville: Rinne (L,2-2-0)(29-23), Lindback (6:46 third)(9-9). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Anaheim: 2-6; Nashville: 1-5. Referees — Dan O'Halloran, Brian Pochmara Linesmen — Brad Lazarowich, Anthony Sericolo

Attendance — 17,113 (17,113).

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First Period

1. Buffalo, Pominville 1 (Niedermayer, Ennis) 9:38 Penalties — Weber Buf (tripping) 5:55, Carcillo Pha (interference) 10:18, Stafford Buf (interference) 10:59, Boucher Pha (tripping; served by Briere) 14:23.

Second Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Carcillo Pha (roughing), Miller Buf (roughing; served by Gerbe) 11:39, Myers Buf (roughing) 14:19, Philadelphia bench (too many men; served by Carcillo) 17:46, Richards Pha (elbowing major) 19:57.

Third Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Timonen Pha (slashing), Richards Pha, Myers Buf (roughing), Gerbe Buf (crosschecking) 20:00

Philadelphia 11 10 11 —32 Buffalo 13 8 8 —29 **Goal** — Philadelphia: Boucher (L,2-1-0); Buffalo: Miller (W.2-2-0). Power plays (goals-— Philadelphia: 0-3; Buffalo: 0-4. Referees — Marc Joannette, Francois St. Lau-

rent, Linesmen - Scott Cherrey, Greg Devorski

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Doughty, LA	2	2	
Ovechkin, Wash	2	2	
Bolland, Chi	1	3	
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# HOCKEY

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Yesterday's results At Winterthur, Switzerland Russia 4 Slovakia 1 IIS 9 Sweden 1

At Winterthur, Switzerland

Canada 2 Finland 0

# MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

### **AMERICAN LEAGUE**

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	10	6	.625	_
Tampa Bay	9	9	.500	2
Baltimore	8	9	.471	21/2
Toronto	8	10	.444	3
Boston	6	11	.353	41/2

# CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	G
Cleveland	13	5	.722	-
Kansas City	11	7	.611	
Detroit	9	10	.474	41
Chicago	7	11	.389	
Minnesota	6	12	.333	

MEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	12	6	.667	_
Texas	11	7	.611	1
Oakland	9	9	.500	3
Seattle	6	13	.316	61/2

Yesterday's results N.Y. Yankees 6 Toronto 2

Tampa Bay 4 Chicago White Sox 1 L.A. Angels 4 Texas 1 Baltimore 5 Minnesota 4 Cleveland 7 Kansas City 5

Detroit 3 Seattle 2 Tuesday's results

Toronto 6 N.Y. Yankees 5 (10 innings) Seattle 13 Detroit 3

Kansas City 5 Cleveland 4 Tampa Bay 2 Chicago White Sox 1 Baltimore 11 Minnesota 0 I Δ Δngels 15 Texas 4

All times Eastern

Chicago White Sox (Floyd 1-1) at Tampa Bay (Niemann 0-2), 6:40 p.m. Minnesota (S.Baker 0-2) at Baltimore (Guthrie 1-2), 7:05 p.m Cleveland (Tomlin 3-0) at Kansas City (O'Sullivan 1-1), 8:10 p.m Boston (Beckett 2-1) at L.A. Angels (Chat-

wood 1-1), 10:05 p.m.
Oakland (McCarthy 1-0) at Seattle
(F.Hernandez 1-2), 10:10 p.m.

# **TENNIS**

# ATP BARCELONA OPEN

At Barcelona, Spain Singles — Second Round

Milos Raonic (15), Thornhill, Ont., def. Simon Greul, Germany, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (5). Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Daniel Gimeno

Traver, Spain, 6-1, 6-1.

Ivan Dodig, Croatia, def. Robin Soderling (3), Sweden, 6-2, 6-4.

David Ferrer (4), Spain, def. Carlos Berlocq Argentina, 6-2, 6-2. Albert Montanes (11), Spain, def. Benoit

Paire, France, 6-7 (3), 6-1, 6-4. Feliciano Lopez, Spain, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (12), Spain, 6-7 (2), 6-3, 6-4. Richard Gasquet (9), France, def. Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2. Jurgen Melzer (6), Austria, def. Marcel Gra

nollers, Spain, 6-1, 6-3.

Doubles — Second Round
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and Daniel Nestor (2), Toronto, def. Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, an Lukas Dlouhy, Czech Republic, 6-2, 4-6, 14-12

## **NATIONAL LEAGUE**

# **EAST DIVISION**

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# CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	-
Cincinnati	9	9	.500	
St. Louis	9	9	.500	
Milwaukee	9	9	.500	
Chicago	9	9	.500	
Pittsburgh	8	10	.444	
Houston	7	11	.389	

# WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	(
Colorado	13	5	.722	
San Francisco	10	8	.556	
Arizona	8	8	.500	
San Diego	8	10	.444	
Los Angeles	8	10	.444	

Yesterday's results Houston 4 N.Y. Mets 3 Florida 6 Pittsburgh 0 Philadelphia 4 Milwaukee 3

Arizona 3 Cincinnati 1 Washington 8 St. Louis 6 (1st game) St. Louis 5 Washington 3 (2nd game) Chicago Cubs 2 San Diego 1 (11 inn., 1st game)

San Diego 5 Chicago Cubs 4 (2nd game) Colorado 10 San Francisco 2 Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers

Tuesday's results San Francisco 6 Colorado 3 Atlanta 10 L.A. Dodgers 1 Houston 6 N.Y. Mets 1 Florida 6 Pittsburgh 0 Milwaukee 9 Philadelphia 0

Arizona 5 Cincinnati 4 San Diego at Chicago, ppd., rain Washington at St. Louis, ppd., rain

Today's games

All times Eastern
Arizona (D.Hudson 0-3) at Cincinnati (Leake 2-0), 12:35 p.m Washington (Gorzelanny 0-1) at St. Louis

(Lohse 2-1), 1:45 p.m. Atlanta (Jurriens 1-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 2-2), 3:10 p.m Houston (Happ 1-2) at N.Y. Mets (Capuano 1-

1), 7:10 p.m Pittsburgh (Ja.McDonald 0-1) at Florida (Vol-stad 0-1), 7:10 p.m. Philadelphia (Oswalt 2-0) at San Diego (Latos 0-2), 10:05 p.m

# SOCCER

# **ENGLAND**

PREMIER LEAGUE Chelsea 3, Birmingham 1 Tottenham 3, Arsenal 3

**SCOTLAND** 

PREMIER LEAGUE Kilmarnock 0, Celtic 4

ITALY

ITALIAN CUP Semi-finals, First Leg AC Milan 2, Palermo 2

# NBA

## **PLAYOFFS**

FIRST ROUND

# **EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Chicago (1) vs. Indiana (8) (Chicago leads 2-0) Tonight's game

Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m. Saturday's game Chicago at Indiana, 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26 x-Indiana at Chicago, TBD

Miami (2) vs. Philadelphia (7) (Miami leads 2-0)

Tonight's game Miami at Philadelphia, 8 p.m. Sunday's game

Wednesday, April 27 x-Philadelphia at Miami, TBD Boston (3) vs. New York (6)

(Boston leads 2-0) Tuesday's result Boston 96 New York 93 Tomorrow's game

Boston at New York, 7 p.m. Sunday's game Roston at New York, 3:30 p.m.

Orlando (4) vs. Atlanta (5) (Series tied 1-1) Tuesday's resul

Orlando 88 Atlanta 82 Tomorrow's game Orlando at Atlanta, 8 p.m. Sunday's game Orlando at Atlanta, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26

### Atlanta at Orlando, TBD WESTERN CONFERENCE

San Antonio (1) vs. Memphis (8) (Series tied 1-1) Last night's result San Antonio 93 Memphis 87

Saturday's game San Antonio at Memphis, 7:30 p.m. Monday's game San Antonio at Memphis, TBD

LA. Lakers (2) vs. New Orleans (7) (New Orleans leads 1-0) Last night's result New Orleans at L.A. Lakers

romorrow's game ..A. Lakers at New Orleans, 9:30 p.m. Sunday's game L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 9:30 p.m. Dallas (3) vs. Portland (6)

(Dallas leads 2-0) uesdav's result Dallas 101 Portland 89 Tonight's game Dallas at Portland, 10:30 p.m. Saturday's game Dallas at Portland, 5 p.m.

Oklahoma City (4) vs. Denver (5) (Oklahoma City leads 2-0) Last night's result Oklahoma City 106 Denver 89 Saturday's gam

Oklahoma City at Denver, 10 p.m. Monday's game Oklahoma City at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 27

x-Denver at Oklahoma City, TBD

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fears getting the best of you. ← Libra Sept. 23-0ct. 23 It's a great day for affairs of the heart. Put away anger. Love

M Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 If

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# A little charm will go a long

Forget about getting even with your enemies. Turn them

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 make you look at certain peo-

Don't worry about cash. You'll find ways to make ends meet. SALLY BROMPTON

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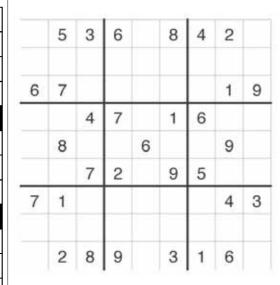
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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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Little YumYum You mean so much to me I cant even put it into words. I love you so much babe, I cant wait to see you today! Thank you for always being there. FROM CAT

weeks we're apart just aren't as good. being away from you turns me into a total puppy child.**FROM** @LUCKYJODI

# A look at the weather

TODAY Min -7° ---- Max 5° FRIDAY

Min -4° Max 5°

**SATURDAY** Min -2° Min -2° Max 9°

# Andrew Schultz. Meteorologist

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# Today's horoscope

T Aries March 21-April 20 As Venus, planet of harmony, moves into your sign, you will be more charming than usual. **▼ Taurus** April 21-May 21 What you think is a problem

isn't much of one at all. Try not to get worked up about it. II Gemini May 22-June 21 Sort out your thoughts and realize that you exaggerated the im-

portance of recent events. • Cancer June 22-July 22 You'll enjoy your work today. As such, you'll do a good job.

Ω Leo Inly 23-Aug.23 You don't have to take life too seriously. The purpose is to have fun. **W Virgo** Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Do

you feel someone is cheating you? Most likely, it's just your makes the world go 'round.

vou need a break take one. no matter how much others try to persuade you not to.

# **₹ Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21 way over the next 24 hours. り Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

into friends instead.

Something you hear might ple in a different light.

H Pisces Feb. 19-March 20.





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